

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1081
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2016**

HIGH SPEED RAIL LINES

†1081. SHRI RAHUL KASWAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of proposed high speed rail lines to be laid by railways in country;**
- (b) whether the Railways propose to conduct feasibility study of rail lines and if so, the details thereof and the time by which feasibility study report is likely to be prepared; and**
- (c) whether the Railways also proposes to speed up its efforts to start work on these projects and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): The implementation of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project (at a cost of approximately ₹ 98,000 crore) with Japanese technical and financial assistance, was approved in December, 2015.

The National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRC) has been formed in February, 2016 to implement Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor Project.

(b): The corridors identified for feasibility studies for high speed rail connectivity to the four major metros and growth centers of the country are: (i) Delhi-Mumbai, (ii) Mumbai-Chennai, (iii) Chennai-Kolkata, (iv) Kolkata-Delhi and both diagonals i.e. (v) Delhi-Chennai and (vi) Mumbai-Kolkata routes. Out of these, three feasibility studies for Delhi-Mumbai, Delhi-Kolkata and Mumbai-Chennai have been awarded in September, 2015 with target for completion within 12 months.

Feasibility studies for Delhi-Nagpur portion of Delhi-Chennai corridor and Mumbai-Nagpur portion of Mumbai-Kolkata corridor are being undertaken under Government to Government cooperation, with China and Spain respectively.

(c): Presently, Government has decided to implement Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed corridor project. No concrete proposal/decision is possible in the absence of feasibility study reports in respect of other projects.
