

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3071
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2016**

UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE

**3071. SHRI KAMAL NATH:
SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government recognises the fact that there is a need to upgrade and improve the present railway infrastructure rather than investing in bullet trains in the country;**
- (b) if so, the response of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether the existing infrastructure of Railways needs huge infusion of funds for upgradation; and**
- (d) if so, the latest strategies the Government proposes to adopt to upgrade its Railway infrastructure during the current financial year?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): Upgradation and improvement of present rail infrastructure is an ongoing exercise on Indian Railways. Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed train project is funded substantially through Japanese assistance on soft terms and is not at the cost of upgradation of existing infrastructure.

(c) & (d): Investment of ₹ 8,56,020 crore is envisaged over next 5 years for network expansion/decongestion including national projects, station redevelopment, safety works, acquisition of rolling stock etc.
