GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2965 TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.05.2016

BULLET TRAIN

2965. SHRIMATI K. MARAGATHAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the bullet train proposed between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, is expected to pass through a tunnel under the sea;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the alignment of the corridor is almost finalised; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the cost of this corridor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (d): Yes, Madam. The alignment indicated by the joint feasibility report of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project entailed construction of an undersea tunnel under Thane Creek. The alignment is, however, subject to Final Location Survey (FLS) stage. 65% of the alignment is planned on an embankment, 28% on viaduct & bridges, 6% on tunnel and 1% on cutting. 12 stations at Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Bilimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad, Sabarmati have been indicated.

The total cost of Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail project has been estimated at approximately

97,636 crore.
