

- (v) User funded lines to be used as multiple user lines; and
- (vi) Capacity augmentation funded by customer.

Train services in Punjab

3989. SHRI SABIR ALI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the target set and the actual date of completion of Abohar-Fazilka railway line in Punjab;
- (b) the reasons for which the Commissioner for Railway Safety has not inspected the railway line so far and the action contemplated in this regard;
- (c) by when the train services announced in the Railway Budgets of 2011-12 and 2012-13 would start; and
- (d) by when Fazilka-Delhi train would be started?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) Abohar-Fazilka new Railway line has been completed in July, 2010.

(b) The section will be opened after inspection of Commissioner for Railway Safety (CRS) which is being planned after posting of staff.

(c) Some trains announced in Railway Budget 2011-12 are yet to be introduced due to various constraints like non-completion of gauge conversion works as also non-receipt of necessary clearance from the Commissioner of Railway Safety (in case of newly opened and gauge converted sections), etc. These trains will be introduced as soon as the constraints are overcome. Trains announced in Railway Budget 2012-13 are expected to be introduced during the same year.

(d) There is no such proposal at present.

Bullet Train Corridors

3990. SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of Government's proposal to start Bullet Train on six corridors i.e. Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar; Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad; Howrah-Haldia; Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna; Chennai-Bengaluru-Coimbatore-Emakulam-Trivandrum and Hyderabad-Chennai;

- (b) the amount of budget fixed for each corridor project, corridor-wise;
- (c) whether any work has been started on this project and what technology is being considered for this project; and
- (d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) The present status of the prefeasibility studies for High Speed Rail projects in the country, corridor-wise, is as under:

1. **Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad** - The prefeasibility study has been completed.
2. **Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar** - The consultant is to be engaged.
3. **Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna** - The study is in progress. The Consultant has submitted Inception Report, Interim Report No. I & II and Draft Final Report to Ministry.
4. **Howrah-Haldia** - The study is in progress. The Consultant has submitted Inception Report, Interim Report No. I & II and Draft Final Report to Ministry.
5. **Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada-Chennai** - Consultant has been engaged and study is in progress.
6. **Chennai-Bangalore-Coirabatore-Ernakulam-Thiruvananthapuram**-Technical Bids have been evaluated and financial bids are under evaluation.
7. **Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Jodhpur**-The consultant is to be engaged.

(b) to (d) Budget, Technological options to be adopted and other details, pertaining to physical commencement of works, can be decided only after completion of prefeasibility studies acceptance/modifications, wherever, required, of the recommendation made during such studies, formulation of appropriate proposal and their final approval/sanction.

Railway manufacturing plants

3991. SHRI HUSAIN DALWAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways have proposed to set up loco-manufacturing plant and a coach factory at Madhepura in Bihar and Kanchrapara in West Bengal respectively;