

**Bullet train**

2476. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2120 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 2011 and state:

(a) the progress achieved so far on introduction of bullet train between Ahmedabad-Mumbai- Pune; and

(b) by when it would become a reality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Pre-feasibility study for this high speed corridor was completed in April, 2010. A Project Steering Group (PSG) has been constituted with Chairman Railway Board; Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and Secretary, Planning Commission to examine and finalise the options for implementing the project.

(b) As the project has not been sanctioned, no timeframe can be indicated.

**Overcharging for food items and beverages**

†2477. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the rates prescribed for food items and beverages provided in Mail and Express trains;

(b) whether it is a fact that the passengers are being overcharged for food items and beverages in Poorva Express running between New Delhi and Howrah and even bill receipts are not being provided to passengers for food items and beverages; and

(c) the number of complaints registered in last three years and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) A uniform tariff and menu has been notified for items like Standard meals, Breakfast, Tea/Coffee, Janta meal and meals for Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto Express trains. The rates of standard meals, breakfast and beverages

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.