

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) 7 corridors have been identified for High Speed Corridors. The details and States involved are as under:

Sl. No.	Corridor identified	States involved
1.	Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad	Gujarat and Maharashtra
2.	Howrah-Haldia	West Bengal
3.	Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi -Patna	Delhi, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
4.	Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada-Chennai	Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
5.	Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam -Thiruvananthapuram	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Kerala
6.	Delhi-Jaipur-Ajmer-Jodhpur	Delhi and Rajasthan
7.	Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar	Delhi, Chandigarh, Haryana and Punjab

"Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)" have been signed between Kingdom of Spain and Government of India for cooperation in Railway related technology developments including High Speed Railway as one of the areas of Cooperation.

National high speed rail authority

884. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government plans to set up National High Speed Rail Authority;
- (b) if so, the proposed time-line for its setting up; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways has decided to set up a National High Speed Rail Authority (NHSRA) and a proposal for approval of the Government is under consideration.

Railway projects in Odisha

885. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of various railway projects in Odisha; and

(b) by when Railways contemplate setting up a medical college at Mancheswar in Bhubaneswar or Rourkela and Rail Coach Factory at Kalahandi and Ganjam in Odisha?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Railway projects are sanctioned Zone-wise and not State-wise; However, 7 new lines, 1 gauge conversion and 15 doubling projects falling fully/partly in Odisha have been taken up. On completion of these projects, a total of 906.70 km of new line will be added to the existing railway network, 90 km will be converted into broad gauge and 1264 km will be doubled. An outlay of Rs. 669.50 crore has been provided for these works for the year 2012-13.

(b) 18 Railway Medical Colleges were announced in Railway Budget 2009-10. To begin with 05 places viz. Guwahati, Chennai, Kharagpur, Lucknow and Secunderabad, where Medical Council of India norms with respect to hospitals bed strength etc. are more or less being met, have been identified under Phase-I. Once the Medical Colleges of phase-I are established, the remaining 13 locations including Bhubaneswar shall be taken up. There is no proposal at present to set up a Rail Coach Factory at Kalahandi and Ganjam in Odisha.

Duping by private iron ore exporters

886. SHRI PALVAI GOVARDHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the transportation cost of iron ore domestically and for exports;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of his Ministry that Railways were duped by more than Rs. 700 crore by private iron ore exporters by transporting iron ore meant for export at domestic freight charges;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the action his Ministry has taken on each of such exporters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Commodity wise cost data is not maintained. Therefore, transportation cost of iron ore for domestic use and for exports is not available.