

in sub-urban sections over Central, Eastern, Northern, Western and Southern Railways. The strength of Women RPF personnel is being increased by eight (8) companies already sanctioned, and another 4000 as announced in the current budget, to further enhance security of women passengers.

- (iii) An Integrated Security System including electronic surveillance through CCTV to enhance security over 202 sensitive and vulnerable Railway stations is under implementation.
- (iv) Security Help-Line numbers have been set up in Zonal Railway Control Rooms to enable passengers to seek assistance.
- (v) It is now proposed to provide all escorts with mobile phones so that passengers may contact them conveniently and without delay.
- (vi) RPF holds regular coordination meetings with State Police at all levels to ensure proper registration and investigation of crime by Government Railway Police (GRP).

#### **Introducing high-speed rail/bullet trains**

\*73. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government proposes to undertake a study for introducing high-speed rail/bullet train as part of Diamond Quadrilateral HSR Project, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if not, whether any feasibility study has been carried out in that direction; and
- (c) whether any vital routes have been identified to immediately decongest highways, airports and traditional railway lines, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI D.V. SADANANDA GOWDA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. As a part of Diamond Quadrilateral High Speed Rail Project, on Mumbai-Ahmedabad sector, two pre-feasibility studies have been completed, and, two studies, one a Joint feasibility study and another a business development study is in progress, as under:

- (i) A joint feasibility study for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Corridor, co-financed by India and Japan, which started in December-2013, will be completed in 18 months.
- (ii) A Business Development Study is being undertaken by French Railways (SNCF) which will be completed in 2014.