

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir. Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor has also been studied by M/s RITES (India), M/s Systra (France) along with M/s Italferr (Italy) in 2010. A Business development study for Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed was also done by SNCF (French Railways) in 2014.

(b) and (c) The JICA feasibility study is a joint study co-financed by India and Japan which has examined the various technological and implementation options for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail project based on international experience. It also provides details of alignment, station locations, land acquisition, rehabilitation and resettlement, rolling stock requirement etc. The project funding and terms of funding are independent of the feasibility study and as such there is no conflict of interest.

Integrated Security System

759. DR. PRABHAKAR KORE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of implementation of Integrated Security System (ISS), which was proposed for 202 important railway stations across the entire railway network, the details thereof, State-wise;

(b) whether Government proposes to bring in more railway stations under Integrated Security System (ISS); and

(c) if so, the details of the number of railway stations identified for the purpose in the country, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Out of 202 Railway stations nominated for implementation of Integrated Security System (ISS) over Indian Railways, contracts for execution of ISS work over 99 railway stations have already been awarded. ISS has already been implemented at Ajmer, Bikaner, Jaipur and Jodhpur railway stations of North Western Railway, falling in the State of Rajasthan, and railway stations Hyderabad, Secunderabad and Tirupati of South Central Railway, falling in the States of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. So far, Close Circuit Television Cameras (CCTV) have been installed over 88 stations under ISS. In addition, 24 Under Vehicle Scanning System (UVSS), 126 baggage scanners, about 240 Door Frame Metal Detectors (DFMD), more than 900 Hand Held Metal Detectors and 64 bomb detection equipments have also been installed by zonal railways under Integrated Security System.

(b) and (c) Strengthening and upgradation of security infrastructure is a continuous process, based on the threat perception and other local factors.

Loan for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail Corridor

760. SHRI RAVI PRAKASH VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has decided to take off Mumbai-Ahmedabad high-speed rail corridor;

(b) if so, the names of the countries who offered soft loan for taking off the aforesaid corridor;

(c) whether Government has decided from whom the loan is to be taken; and

(d) if so, the quantum of loan to be taken and the percentage of interest to be paid on the aforesaid loan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) A joint feasibility study for Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed corridor, co-financed by Indian Railways and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) has been completed in July 2015.

(b) Government of Japan has offered an assistance package including soft loan for Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed project.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Discontinuance of pantry car facility in long distance trains

761. SHRI D. RAJA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government has decided to discontinue pantry car facility in long distance trains and introduce e-catering system, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether Government is aware that a majority of passengers are not accustomed to the e-catering system and the passengers in long distance trains will not get even tea and snacks in the trains if the pantry car system is discontinued, if so, Government's reaction thereto?