

(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?