

High speed rail lines

1233. PROF. M. V. RAJEEV GOWDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total budgetary allocation for High Speed Rail (HSR) lines projects to be implemented in the country;

(b) the total number of railway lines that are planned to be dedicated to HSR lines; and

(c) the time-frame by which these HSR lines would be operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) For implementation of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail, a Budgetary provision of ₹ 200 crore in 2015-16 and ₹ 300 crore in 2016-17 has been made.

(b) As of now, dedicated High Speed Rail lines are planned to be constructed between Mumbai and Ahmedabad only.

(c) Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail project is targeted for completion in 2023.

Menace of pests and insects in railway coaches

1234. DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are aware that due to menace of bed bugs, cockroaches, rodents and other pests and insects, the condition of travel in sleeper coaches becomes very difficult for long distance travellers;

(b) whether Railways have identified these coaches and sectors where these problems occur frequently; and

(c) the fool-proof remedy that Railways propose to take to ensure that this menace is completely eradicated?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The coach(es) where specific complaints are received, is/are detached from rake and intensive pest control treatment is done.

(c) All AC, Non AC reserved and un-reserved coaches including pantry cars are being attended for disinfestations treatment at primary maintenance depots.