

**Signing of MOU with Government of Japan for running Bullet trains**

†155. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has signed an MoU with Government of Japan to run Bullet trains in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) if not, by when MoU is likely to be signed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A Memorandum of Cooperation had been signed between Government of India and Government of Japan on 12 December 2015, to implement Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Corridor with technical and financial assistance of Japan. Government of Japan agreed to provide 81% of the project cost at a very concessional interest rate of 0.1% with repayment period of 50 years. The project is sanctioned on the premise of transfer of technology and Make in India.

**Survey for Char Dham rail route**

†156. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the survey of Char Dham rail route in Uttarakhand has been undertaken;

(b) if so, the starting point and the terminal point of the survey;

(c) the location of stations on this rail route; and

(d) by when construction work is likely to be started after completion of survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Final Location Survey (FLS) for Char Dham (Yamunotri, Gangotri, Kedarnath, Badrinath) has been sanctioned in 2017-18. Tender for FLS has been taken up.

(b) The details are as tabulated below:—

Dham	Starting point	Terminal point
Yamunotri	Doiwala	Uttarkashi-Palar
Gangotri	Doiwala	Uttarkashi-Maneri
Kedarnath	Karnaprayag	Saikot-Sonprayag
Badrinath	Karnaprayag	Saikot-Joshimath

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.