

(b) if so, the details regarding its speed limit and the routes on which it is proposed to be started?

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

(b) The trial has been conducted upto a maximum operational speed of 160 kmph. However, the actual speed in service will depend upon the section where this train is put into service. The first Train-18 rake is proposed to be introduced on Delhi-Varanasi sector, with maximum speed of 130 KMPH.

**Rail connectivity between Hyderabad-Amaravati
and Hyderabad-Vijayawada**

2710. DR. K. V. P. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new rail lines or new trains have been started between Hyderabad and Amaravati, new capital of Andhra Pradesh, to provide rapid rail connectivity as envisaged under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization act;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to run additional trains between Hyderabad and Vijayawada in view of increasing traffic between these stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) New line project of Vijayawada-Guntur-Amaravathi was included in Pink book of 2017-18 subject to requisite approvals. Detailed project report (DPR) for 56.53 Km new line project has been prepared. As per DPR, the approximate cost of the project is ₹ 1732.56 crore. Inter ministerial consultation for the project has been taken up.

(c) To cater to the needs of the passengers of Hyderabad-Vijayawada sector, frequency of 12795/12796 Vijayawada-Lingampalli Express has been increased from 6 days a week to daily *w.e.f.* 04.11.2018. However, at present, there is no proposal for introduction of new train between Hyderabad and Vijayawada.