

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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BULLET TRAIN PROJECT

3494 # SMT. GEETA ALIAS CHANDRAPRABHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of bullet train projects proposed in the country at present;
- (b) the total number of projects, the work related to which, has been started;
- (c) whether the work related to Delhi-Varanasi bullet train project has been completed; and
- (d) by when the operations of the Ahmedabad-Mumbai bullet train are likely to commence, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(a) to (c): Presently, Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project is the only sanctioned project of High Speed Rail in India which is under execution with technical and financial assistance from Government of Japan.

Further, the Ministry of Railways has undertaken the work for the survey/Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the following seven High Speed Rail (HSR) Corridor/Project:

- i. Delhi - Varanasi
- ii. Delhi - Ahmedabad
- iii. Delhi - Amritsar
- iv. Mumbai - Nagpur
- v. Mumbai - Pune - Hyderabad
- vi. Chennai - Bangalore - Mysore
- vii. Varanasi - Howrah

None of the above corridor is sanctioned as yet. High Speed Rail (HSR) projects are highly capital intensive projects, the decision to sanction any HSR corridor/project depends on many factors such as outcome of DPR, techno-economic feasibility, availability of resources and financing options.

(d): The anticipated timeline for the commencement of Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project can be ascertained only after completion of land acquisition, finalization of all contracts.