

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 771
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

HIGH SPEED TRAINS

771 DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of new railway projects sanctioned by Government during the last three years, Zone-wise;
- (b) the details of Vande Bharat Trains sanctioned by Government during the last three years and details of project implementation thereof; and
- (c) whether Government proposes to sanction any new project for high-speed trains, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 771 BY DR. LAXMIKANT BAJPAYEE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 08.12.2023 REGARDING HIGH SPEED TRAINS

(a): During the last three years i.e. FY 2020-21, FY 2021-22, FY 2022-23 and current FY 2023-24, 126 Railway Infrastructure Projects (New Line, Gauge Conversion and Doubling) of a total length of 4,455 km costing ₹68,097 have been sanctioned across Indian Railways. Zonal Railway wise details are as under:-

Railway	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24(upto 30th Nov)
Central Railway	0	0	2	1
Eastern Railway	0	0	1	1
East Central Railway	0	0	6	8
East Coast Railway	0	0	4	10
Northern Railway	1	1	2	1
North Central Railway	1	0	3	1
North Eastern Railway	1	0	0	3
Northeast Frontier Railway	1	0	1	1
North Western Railway	0	1	9	2
Southern Railway	0	1	3	0
South Central Railway	0	1	5	10
South Eastern Railway	0	1	1	2
South East Central Railway	0	0	12	0
South Western Railway	1	0	1	0
Western Railway	1	2	16	7
West Central Railway	0	0	0	0

Railway wise and Year wise details of projects including their cost, expenditure and outlay are made available in public domain on Indian Railways website i.e. www.indianrailways.gov.in>Ministry of Railways >Railway Board >About Indian Railways >Railway Board Directorates >Finance (Budget) >Pink Book(Year) >Railway wise works Machinery & Rolling Stock Programme.

(b): Presently, 68 Vande Bharat services, introduced during the period 2021-22 to 2023-24 (till 2nd December, 2023), are operational across the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways.

(c): Presently, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project is the only sanctioned High Speed Rail project in the country which is under execution with the financial and technical assistance from Government of Japan.

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

- 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. Being 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.
