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**Railways Propose to Set up National High Speed Rail Authority**

The Ministry has decided to conduct prefeasibility studies on 50:50 cost sharing basis with the concerned State Governments, on the six selected corridors to introduce High Speed Passenger Trains in the country. Tenders for prefeasibility studies of all the six corridors have been invited and studies are at various stages.

It has also been decided to set up National High Speed Rail Authority (NHSRA) for planning, standard setting, implementing and monitoring of High Speed Rail projects and consultant for the same has been appointed to advise the Ministry of Railways on the subject.

Financial implication in executing these projects would be known only after prefeasibility studies are completed and input costs are computed. The corridors selected for prefeasibility studies in consultation with concerned State Governments are as under:

- (i) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar (Delhi, Chandigarh, Haryana, Punjab)
- (ii) Pune-Mumbai-Ahmedabad (Maharashtra & Gujarat)
- (iii) Hyderabad-Dornakal-Vijaywada-Chennai(Andhra Pradesh & Tamil Nadu)
- (iv) Chennai-Bangalore-Coimbatore-Ernakulam (Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala) (v) Howrah-Haldia (West Bengal)
- (vi) Delhi-Agra-Lucknow-Varanasi-Patna (Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar)

Bidding process for development of Kozhikode (Calicut) station as world class stations planned to be undertaken through Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode, by leveraging the real estate potential of the land around and the air space above the station. Bidding process for the world class stations in PPP mode will be initiated after Master Plan and Feasibility Report is prepared and in-principle approval of the local agencies obtained. In this regard, preliminary activities have been commenced up by the Zonal Railways.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Railways Shri K. H. Muniyappa in written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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