# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# RAJYA SABHA

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 903**

#### ANSWERED ON 28.06.2019

MUMBAI-AHMEDABAD BULLET TRAIN PROJECT

903. DR. BANDA PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

1. whether land acquisition for the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project is facing opposition from villagers/farmers in Gujarat and Maharashtra as they are not allowing the joint measurement survey in many places;
2. whether as per rules and procedures laid down under the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013, the mandatory social impact assessment and impact study on food production losses were not being followed;
3. if so, the details thereof and the time-frame given to complete the project; and
4. if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): There has been some resistance limited to few locations in the Project alignment. So far, joint measurement survey has been completed in 251 out of total 297 villages in the project alignment.

(b) to (d): The Social Impact Assessment (SIA) has already been done for this Project and its details have been uploaded by National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) on their website ([www.nhsrcl.in](http://www.nhsrcl.in)). The Project being linear in nature, is exempted under Section 10 of the Chapter-III titled “SPECIAL PROVISIONS TO SAFEGUARD FOOD SECURITY” of the “Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013”. The project is targeted to be completed by December 2023.

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