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## Does Vladimir Putin doubt the need to build a HSR to Nizhny Novgorod?

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 Russian President Vladimir Putin

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**Russian President Vladimir Putin doubted the need to build Russia's first high-speed highway (HSR), the initial section of which should connect Moscow with Nizhny Novgorod. This, according to TASS, was reported by the newspaper "Vedomosti".**

According to the publication, following the results of government meetings, the head of state instructed **to once again assess the economy and validity of the HSR**. The document, in particular, refers to **the planned operating break-even as a condition for receiving money from the federal budget**, Vedomosti notes.

Recall: **200 billion rubles should be allocated** from the federal budget for the construction of HSR, the total road to Nizhny Novgorod is estimated at 621 billion rubles.

In the coming years, it is also planned to allocate money for the reconstruction of the M-7 highway, as well as for the **toll road**, which will become part of the Europe-Western China transport corridor. According to preliminary data, the construction and reconstruction of all roads of the transport corridor from China to Europe **requires 825 billion rubles of budget funds**.

According to Vedomosti, the President instructed to analyze **whether the freight and passenger flows of these three projects coincide**, and in accordance with this, to make a final decision on the construction of the HSR.

Later, presidential spokesman Dmitry Peskov denied the information that Vladimir Putin doubts the need to build a high-speed railway. According to him, the **President's instruction is a common practice**: such large-scale projects are always "subject to careful verification and coordination." "As the conjuncture changes, whether internal or external, additional reconciliation is being made," Dmitry Peskov added.

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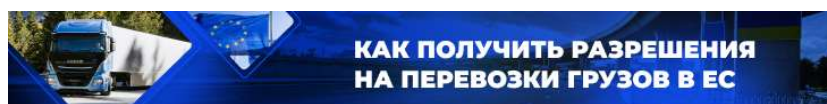
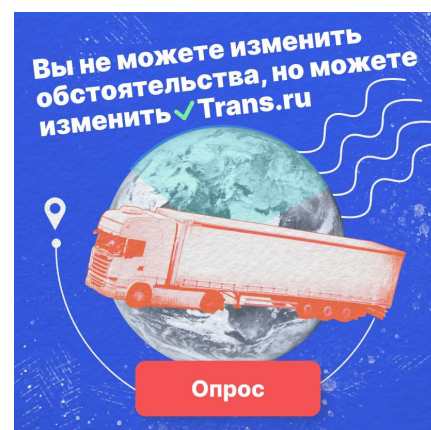
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