

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HIGH SPEED GOODS TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has started high speed goods trains in some sections for movement of container traffic;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total earning made by railways by running these high speed goods trains during the last three years;
- (d) whether keeping in view the profitability and viability, the Government propose to introduce some more such trains in other sections;
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (f) the number of accidents these trains met during the last three years; and
- (g) the steps taken or being taken by the Government to run trains with high speed wagons in the mineral circle?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): Yes Sir. The Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Railway has introduced high speed container trains for movement of international traffic on some sections of Indian Railways like Ludhiana-Delhi- Tughlakabad-Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai), Ahmedabad- Vadodra- Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai), Delhi-Jaipur/Jodhpur-Jawaharlal Nehru Port(Mumbai),etc.

(c): Separate earning of high speed rakes are not maintained. However, running of high speed container trains has enabled Railways and CONCOR to increase inland penetration and handling of containers by reduced transit time and improved turn-round of rolling stock. The freight earnings of Railways have accordingly gone up on account of higher volumes of traffic being moved as a result of high speed trains.

(d) & (e): CONCOR plans to introduce more such trains in other sections also such as Delhi-Chennai, Delhi-Bangalore, Bangalore-Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai), Mumbai-Chennai, Chennai-Kolkata, etc.

(f): There has been no case of accident on these trains since their introduction.

(g): Indian Railways are already running freight trains with high speed wagons for transportation of minerals.