

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:773

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MOVEMENT OF GOODS TRAINS BETWEEN INDIA AND BANGLADESH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the much awaited goods train services between India and Bangladesh through the Benapole-Petrapole border has become operational;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the agreement signed in this regard;
- (c) whether there is a proposal for running of passenger train between India and Bangladesh;
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard; and
- (e) the measures taken by the Government that the trains would not be utilised by the Pakistani ISI?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Working Agreement has been signed on 4.7.2000 between Government of India through Ministry of Railways and Government of the Peoples Republic of Bangladesh through Bangladesh Railways.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) & (e) Do not arise.