

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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AGREEMENT WITH SAUDI ARABIA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any agreement with Saudi Arabia for operating major mineral railway lines in the desert kingdom;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of projects that the State owned RITES company is constructing railway lines in various countries inter-alia indicating the project cost and length of railway line being constructed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b): M/s RITES Limited and Saudi Railway Company (SAR) have entered into an 'Operation and Maintenance' contract in respect of Mobilization services, Operation and maintenance of Minerals Line of the North-South Railway Network, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia.

(c): No, Madam. RITES Limited is presently not constructing railway lines in other countries.