

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the denial of visa for Indian train drivers for the Indo-Pak freight train service has been taken up with Islamabad;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Pakistan Government thereto;
- (c) whether the move has led to trains laden with goods getting stuck at the border and had become a cause of panic among importers; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SMT. PRENEET KAUR)

(a) to (d) There was some delay in the issuance of visas for the crew of the Indian goods train that runs between India and Pakistan. During the period 23.12.2010 to 29.12.2010, no goods train could run between India and Pakistan due to non-availability of visa for the Indian crew of the goods train. The matter was taken up with the Government of Pakistan and resolved satisfactorily. The movement of goods train has since been restored from 30.12.2010.