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DOUBLE DECKER STACK CONTAINER TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the criteria laid down for introducing double-decker/ double-stack container trains in the country;
- (b) whether the Railways have prepared or propose to prepare a Master Plan for introducing said services in the country;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to introduce said services on Ahmedabad – Mumbai, Kandla – Bhatinda, Kandla – Bhildi – Jodhpur – Bhatinda, Kandla – Mundra Ports and within Mumbai and Chennai; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe set for their introduction?

Answer

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

- (a): Running of double stack container trains depends firstly upon the route having sufficient clearances for accommodating the maximum moving dimensions of such trains and secondly on customer demand.
- (b): A Blue Print for Double Stack Container operations train is being prepared.
- (c): No, Madam. However, double stack container train services are available at present on Jaipur – Mundra port and Jaipur – Pipavav port routes. These services will be available from Gurgaon area to Mundra and Pipavav port after some technical inputs. After construction of western Dedicated Freight Corridor these services will be operated on the above corridor between Northern India and western Ports.
- (d): Does not arise.