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RAILWAY LINKS WITH BANGLADESH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Railway links in operation between India and Bangladesh;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to restore the railway links between the two countries which had been stopped in the past;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways propose to link Agartala with Akhaura in Bangladesh via Gangasagar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial implications/ cost sharing between the two countries?

Answer

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

- (a) Railway links presently in operation between India and Bangladesh are Gede(India)-Darsana(Bangladesh), Petrapole (India) - Benapole(Bangladesh) and Singhabad (India) – Rohanpur (Bangladesh).
- (b) No, Madam.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) & (e) During the visit of Hon'ble Prime Minister of Bangladesh to India in January, 2010, both India and Bangladesh agreed to construct a new Agartala (India)- Akhaura (Bangladesh) rail link with a grant from India. Railway Board(India) and Government of Bangladesh have approved the proposed alignment corridor via Gangasagar station in principle. As per the Detailed Engineering Report prepared by the Icon International Limited, the total length of the proposed alignment is 15.064 km out of which 5.050 km is in India and the balance 10.014 km is in Bangladesh. The estimated cost for the project is Rs.267.49 crore including the cost of land. The cost of construction for the entire project will be borne by the Government of India.