

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of train services in operation between India and Pakistan;
- (b) the total number of disruption in the said services during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) the reasons therefor and the steps taken in this regard; and
- (d) the quantum of financial loss suffered due to such disruption?

Answer

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

(a): The following train services are in operation between India and Pakistan.

1. Samjhauta Express is running from Attari (India) to Lahore (Pakistan) via Wagha. This route is also opened for the movement of freight trains.
2. Thar Express is running from Munabao (India) to Zero Point Railway Station near Khokhrapar(Pakistan).

(b)&(c): Freight train movement was disrupted from 23.12.2010 to 29.12.2010 as a result of delay in the issue of visa to the Indian Loco Pilots by the Pakistan High Commission in New Delhi. The matter was taken up with the Government of Pakistan and resolved amicably. However, passenger services were running smoothly.

(d): Financial loss due to the disruption of freight services between 23.12.2010 and 29.12.2010 has been assessed at approximately Rs.19,71,893/-.