

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:42
ANSWERED ON:24.11.2011
CONTAINER TRAIN SERVICE
Shukla Shri Balkrishna Khanderao Balu Shukla

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways/CONCOR are running any container train service in the country connecting various ports;
- (b) if so, the details of the routes / connecting ports; and
- (c) the further steps being contemplated for the growth of container movement through Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS(SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 42 BY SHRI BALKRISHNA K. SHUKLA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.11.2011 REGARDING CONTAINER TRAIN SERVICE.

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The list of routes / connecting ports is appended.

(c) The following steps,taken on continuous basis, are being contemplated by Railways:

- (i) Identification of congested route and undertaking capacity augmentation works which is a continuous process.
- (ii) Encouragement to increase Double stack operation to recently cleared route connecting Gurgaon area to ports in state of Gujarat.
- (iii) Proliferation of long haul trains in container train service.
- (iv) Improvement in information sharing between Railways and Container train Operators through Electronic interface.

Various initiatives related to infrastructure development services and marketing are being undertaken by Container Corporation of India on continuous basis. Container Corporation of India is contemplating for continuance of following initiatives to capture traffic on Railways:

- (i) Regular train service between the hinterland terminals and ports.
- (ii) Procurement of additional wagons / rakes.
- (iii) Development of new Container Terminals.
- (iv) Extension of different warehousing facilities, customer Electronic Data Interchange facility, and adequate equipment with specialized labour in different Container Terminals.
- (v) Extension of Block train scheme under which shipping lines/consolidators are being provided with scheduled services on a round trip basis between Inland Container Depots and ports.
- (vi) Increase in Double Stack container train service.
- (vii) Introduction / extension of various marketing incentives like volume discount schemes to encourage traffic.
- (viii) Customer facilities like space for office, connectivity to Container Corporation of India server for information sharing.