

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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DOUBLE STACK CONTAINER TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria adopted to introducing double stack container trains in the country;
- (b) the details of routes on which such services are available in the country;
- (c) whether the Railways have prepared a Master Plan for introducing the said services in the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof alongwith the routes identified for the purpose; and
- (e) the financial implication likely to be involved therein alongwith the time frame set for implementation of said Master Plan?

**Answer**

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

- (a): Running of double stack container trains depends upon the suitability of route infrastructure including sufficient clearances for accommodating the maximum moving dimensions of such trains and on customer demand.
- (b): Railways are already running double stack container trains operated by private container train operators on Pipavav – Kanakpura (near Jaipur), Mundra – Kanakpura (near Jaipur), Pipavav – Garhi Harsaru (near Gurgaon) and Mundra – Garhi Harsaru (near Gurgaon) routes, which pass through the States of Gujarat, Rajasthan and Haryana.
- (c): A Blue Print for Double Stack Container operations trains is under preparation.
- (d) & (e): The details would be available once the Blue Print is finalised.