

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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LAND CUSTOMS STATIONS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Pakistan are conducting joint exercise for exploring certain possibilities like opening more Land Customs Stations between two countries to boost trade and if so, the complete details thereof;
- (b) the steps taken/proposed to be taken in this regard; and
- (c) the likely benefits of opening more such Land Customs Stations ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S.PALANIMANICKAM)

- (a) and (b)t. Yes Sir. It has been decided to discuss the opening of more Land Customs Stations including one on the Munabao/Khokhrapar route, for boosting trade between the two countries.
- (c) Opening of more Land Customs Stations would enhance the economic engagement between business communities of both sides and deepen bilateral cooperation.