

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL ROUTE BETWEEN INDIA, NEPAL AND BANGLADESH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any proposal to run demonstration trains between India, Nepal and Bangladesh to boost trade;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, indicating the status of development of rail-route between the three countries;
- (c) whether India has set up Inland Container Depots at the borders of the above countries to encourage cross-border trade; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) In the 2nd meeting of the South Asian Association of Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Transport Ministers held on 24-25 July, 2009 in Colombo (Sri Lanka), a proposal was tabled by India regarding running of demonstration container trains from Bangladesh to Pakistan via India and Nepal. The proposed train will run on existing routes.

(c) No, Madam.

(d) Does not arise.