

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA**

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TRADE WITH PAKISTAN
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

- (a) whether India and Pakistan have proposed to increase their trade through rail route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to open second border gate at Attari; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (DR. D. PURANDESWARI)

a) Yes Madam.

b) During the 7th round of India-Pakistan Commerce Secretary level talks held at Islamabad from 20-21 September, 2012, both countries emphasized the need for more trade traffic to be carried through Railways.

c) & d) An Integrated Check Post (ICP) had already been inaugurated at Attari on 13th April, 2012 by Union Home Minister. This ICP includes a dedicated gate to streamline the movement of trucks between India and Pakistan and significantly enhance the flow of trade through land route.