

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
QUESTION NO 04.12.2009
ANSWERED ON
RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT .

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SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL

Will the Minister of COALCOALRAILWAYS be pleased to state :-

- (a) whether the State Government of Gujarat has submitted a proposal in February, 2008 regarding providing facility of double stack container for Kandla-Bhiladi-Samdari-Jodhpur-Bhatinda railway line;
- (b) if so, the present status of the proposal;
- (c) whether her Ministry is considering to convert the route from Kandla to Palampur as part of Dedicated Freight Corridor between Delhi and Mumbai as proposed by Government;
- (d) whether in view of the development of ports in Gujarat, Government is planning to run special container train connections to its ports; and
- (e) if so, by when Government proposes to implement the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 237 BY SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.12.2009 REGARDING RAILWAY PROJECTS IN GUJARAT.

(a) & (b): No such proposal has been received from Government of Gujarat.

(c): Kandla – Palanpur section is not a part of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. However, this section is one of the identified feeder routes to Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.

(d) & (e): It is the stated policy of Railways to provide rail connectivity to ports. Many such projects are under implementation through PPP mode. Depending upon the traffic, container train operators are running regular container train services to major ports, such as Pipavav, Mundra and Kandla ports in Gujarat.