

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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LOK SABHA**

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GOODS TRAINS BETWEEN INDIA AND PAKISTAN

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government have agreed to ply more goods trains between India and Pakistan;
- (b) whether India and Pakistan have also held talks in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (d) the total number of goods trains proposed to be added to the present system of goods carriage; and
- (e) the total number of goods trains plying between the two countries at present?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) & (d): Delegations of Governments of India and Pakistan met in New Delhi from October 31 to November 2, 2006 and following major decisions were taken:-

# Both sides agreed to make efforts to increase the level of interchange of freight traffic.

# The Indian delegation proposed for starting freight trains via Munabao-Khokrapar. Pakistan delegation informed that as and when the necessary facilities have been developed, the proposal for opening of Munabao-Khokrapar route for freight traffic could be discussed and decided.

(e): There is capacity constraint on Pakistan Railways at Wagah. The interchange of goods trains between India and Pakistan via Attari-Wagah route depends on the acceptance of these trains by Pakistan Railway. During the month of November, 2006, a total of 17 goods trains were interchanged between India and Pakistan.