

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3208  
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KANDLA PALANPUR ROUTE  
Gadhavi Shri Pushpdan Shambhudan

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

- (a) whether there are possibilities to convert the route from Kandla to Palanpur as a part of dedicated freight corridor between Delhi and Mumbai;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is technically possible to provide such double stack container arrangements alongwith electrification on this route;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there is any proposal under consideration for providing such double stack facility in any other part of the country; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b) : No, Sir. However, Kandla-Palanpur is an identified 'feeder route' to the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor.

(c) & (d) : The technical feasibility of running Double Stack Container Trains with flat-type wagons using ISO (International Organization for Standardization) containers of 9½ feet under electric traction is under study.

(e) & (f) : Yes, Sir. Indian Railways have initiated running of Double Stack Container trains on diesel route between Jaipur-Pipavav Port/ Mundra Port. Trials have been conducted for running trains of non-ISO size double stack containers under electrified/non-electrified territory on Gurgaon- Rewari- Alwar-Mathura-Tuglakabad Section. Also, for running trains of double stack ISO high cube containers, Jakhapura-Daitari section, earmarked for electrification, has been identified.