

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1928
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

INDO-BANGLADESH RAIL ROUTE

1928. SHRI PARTHA PRATIM RAY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plan to start train operation on Indo-Bangladesh rail route;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether there is any plan to restart railways link in between Bamanhat (Cooch Behar, West Bengal) to Kolkata (West Bengal) through Lalmanirhat (Bangladesh); and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1928 BY SHRI PARTHA PRATIM RAY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING INDO-BANGLADESH RAIL ROUTE

(a) & (b): At present four BG rail connectivities are operational on Indo-Bangladesh Rail Route viz., Gede (India) - Darsana (Bangladesh), Petrapol (India)-Benapol (Bangladesh), Singhabad (India)- Rohanpur (Bangladesh) and Radhikapur (India)-Birol (Bangladesh). Freight trains run via all these routes. Two passenger trains viz., Kolkata-Dhaka, Maitree Express runs via Gede (India)-Darsana (Bangladesh) and Kolkata-Khulna, Bandhan Express runs via Petrapole (India)-Benapole (Bangladesh).

(C): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.