

(a) whether India has signed an agreement to construct a 900 km railway line to connect Chabahar Port in Iran to the mineral rich region Hajigak in Afghanistan;

(b) if so, the details and the estimated cost of the rail link; and

(c) whether this has any reaction from Pakistan; if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

#### **Norms for double stack container trains**

1393. SHRI NATUJI HALAJI THAKOR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the norms for running double stack container trains;

(b) whether Kandla - Bhatinda section meets the norms; and

(c) if so, whether Government intends to run double stack container trains on Kandla - Bhildi - Jodhpur - Bhatinda sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Running of double stack container trains depends upon the route having sufficient clearances for accommodating the maximum moving dimensions of such trains, and is also based on customer demand and traffic materialization.

(b) No, Sir. The Kandla - Bhatinda section does not meet the above norm.

(c) Does not arise.

#### **Unused MPLADS fund**

1394. SHRI RASHEED MASOOD: Will the Minister of STATISTICS AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that huge amount of MPLADS fund is lying unutilized in U.P.;

(b) the time by which this amount would be distributed among incumbent Members of Parliament;