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Title: Regarding Implementation of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor between Kharagpur and Vijayawada

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The Ministry of Railways said in March that preparation of DPRs for new Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) has been sanctioned on three routes including the East Coast Corridor – Kharagpur to Vijayawada. This DFC was promised in the Union Budget 2021 and the project was supposed to be commissioned by June 2022.

But as per a news report, the Ministry is inclining towards scrapping the new DFCs owing to funding and land acquisition delays. The final decision will be taken when the DPR is out.

The DPR is facing a major delay of five months due to which the construction plan of DFC Eastern Corridor is on a standstill.

I strongly urge the Government to:

- a) Expedite the DPR process for timely construction of DFCs.
- b) Implement the Eastern DFC between Kharagpur-Vijayawada as promised. It is a critical step towards reforming the freight transportation system in Andhra Pradesh.