

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1710
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS

**1710. SHRI SHIVAKUMAR C. UDASI:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH NAIK NIMBALKAR:
SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:
SHRI DILIP SAIKIA:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:
SHRI S. JAGATHRAKSHAKAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress and status of the work on all Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs);**
- (b) whether the Government agrees with the view that effective use of DFCs will help reduce logistics costs and accelerate the development of new industrial hubs;**
- (c) if so, the details of the steps that are proposed to be taken by the Government to establish a network of DFCs keeping in mind that the DFCs are not only an alternative to roads and the Indian Railways, but also complement the existing modes of freight transport;**
- (d) the present status and the details of expenditure incurred since 2014 along with the comparative statement of 2014 and 2023; and**
- (e) the benefits that are likely to accrue to the whole logistics sector and Railways on account of the same?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (e) : Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight

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Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km). Construction of EDFC has been fully completed and 1176 KM out of 1506 KM of WDFC has been completed.

The construction of Dedicated Freight Corridors will reduce the logistic cost, leading to development of new industrial hubs and Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals.

The comparative statement showing expenditure incurred and commissioning of DFCs in 2014 and in 2023 is as under:-

Year	Cumulative Expenditure (₹ In Cr)	DFCs commissioned
2014(March,2014)	10,357	Nil
2023 (Till Oct,2023)	1,08,558	2513 Km
