

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2368
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2006
SEPARATE RAIL LINES FOR MOVEMENT OF GOODS TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways propose to lay separate lines for goods trains in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the estimated expenditure likely to be incurred in such new lines;
- (d) the details of routes identified for such new lines, zone-wise; and
- (e) the time by which the said project will be completed?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2368 BY SHRI KISHANBHAI V. PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2006 REGARDING SEPARATE RAIL LINES FOR MOVEMENT OF GOODS TRAINS

(a) to (d) : Yes, Sir. Dedicated Railway Freight Corridor Project on Western and Eastern Routes were included in Rail Budget 2006-2007. The estimated cost of Western and Eastern Corridors is Rs. 11,446 Crore and Rs. 9695 Crore respectively. The Eastern Corridor will start from Ludhiana in Punjab and will terminate at Sonnagar. The Eastern Route will be extended to the proposed Port in Kolkata area considering the possibility of increase in freight traffic on account of proposed Deep Sea Port. The Western Corridor will start from Jawaharlal Nehru Port and will be routed via Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Palanpur and Rewari to Tuglakabad and Dadri. A new Public Sector Undertaking named Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) has been formed to implement the Dedicated Freight Corridor Project. The Corridors will pass through Central Railway, Western Railway, North Western Railway, Northern Railway, North Central Railway, East Central Railway and Eastern Railway.

(e): As per present estimate the work on Dedicated Freight Corridors will be completed in about 5 years after the start of construction of the project.