

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3176  
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FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the present status of the ambitious freight corridor project of the country;
- (b) whether the work is progressing as per schedule;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) the details of estimated cost incurred thereon; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to expedite the said project?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a): Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Project comprising Eastern Corridor (Dankuni- Ludhiana) and the Western Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Tughlakabad/Dadri) have been sanctioned by the Government and are under implementation. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), a Special Purpose Vehicle, has been formed as a Public Sector Undertaking of the Ministry of Railways to implement this Project. Final Location Survey for the Western DFC and for Ludhiana-Sonnagar Section of Eastern DFC has been completed. Initial construction contracts for 105 Kilometers in Eastern DFC and for 54 major and important bridges on Western DFC have been awarded and work is in progress. Negotiation for external funding are in progress and funding for Phase -I (Rewari-Vadodara) of Western DFC is tied up with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). A part of the Eastern DFC is also proposed to be funded through domestic investment in the Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The project is targeted to be completed in 2016-17.

(b): Yes, Madam.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): The base cost of Western DFC from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, near Mumbai to Dadri near Delhi and Eastern DFC from Dankuni to Ludhiana is estimated at approximately Rs. 42,231 Crores. This excludes escalation, contingency, PPP element, taxes and interest during construction.

(e): Steps taken by Ministry of Railways to expedite the project include tying up adequate funds, fixing timelines for critical stages and close monitoring.