

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3214
ANSWERED ON:12.08.2010
FREIGHT CAPACITY OF RAILWAYS
Gandhi Shri Feroze Varun

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of freight carrying capacity of railways on different corridors/routes;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to create more dedicated freight corridors for faster movement of goods;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (d): A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3214 BY SHRI VARUN GANDHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.08.2010 REGARDING FREIGHT CAPACITY OF RAILWAYS.

(a): The Indian railway network carries both freight and passenger traffic on the same track, therefore only overall capacity is relevant. During 2009-10, Railways have carried around 888 million tonnes of originating freight traffic and around 7.4 billion originating passengers. Majority of the traffic moves on the routes which connect the four metros of Delhi, Kolkata, Chennai and Mumbai. These are the High Density Networks of Indian Railways. Majority of the sections on the High Density Network are saturated. Therefore to begin with on two of the corridors viz. Delhi-Mumbai & Delhi-Howrah, Indian Railways have decided to build the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor connecting Ludhiana to Dankuni and the Western Freight Corridor connecting Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust to Tughlakabad/Dadri. On completion, these would add substantial capacity for carrying freight traffic.

(b) to (d): Ministry of Railways has identified the following four future Dedicated Freight Corridor projects for undertaking Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Survey (PETS):-

- (i) East West Corridor (Kolkata-Mumbai)
- (ii) North South Corridor (Delhi-Chennai)
- (iii) East Coast Corridor (Kharagpur-Vijayawada)
- (iv) Southern Corridor (Goa-Chennai)