

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FREIGHT CORRIDORS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the progress of dedicated freight corridors among major metropolitan centres in the country ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways propose Ministry of Road Transport and Highways synchronize to establish a seamless freight connectivity; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Project comprising Eastern Corridor (Dankuni-Ludhiana) and the Western Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Tughlakabad/Dadri) has been sanctioned by the Government. 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. Initial construction contracts for 105 Kilometers in Eastern DFC and for 54 major and important bridges on Western DFC have been awarded. Funding for Phase-I (Rewari-Vadodara) of Western DFC has been tied up with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and for Phase-II (JNPT-Vadodara and Rewari- Dadri), Engineering Services loan agreement has been signed with JICA. On Eastern DFC, Appraisal for Khurja- Bhaupur Section has been targeted in March 2011, as a part of the proposed World Bank funding of Ludhiana-Khurja-Bahupur-Mughalsarai Section. Work has been taken up from Dankuni to Chandanpur.

(c) & (d): Dedicated Freight Corridors represent high-capacity trunk routes of railways for long distance freight movement. There is no specific proposal to synchronise highway and railway development. However, major multimodal or intermodal hubs along the DFC have been planned with the objective of intermodal connectivity.