

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway's ambitious plan of dedicated freight corridors has not made much progress so far;
- (b) if so, the details thereof during the XIth Plan period, especially in South Central Railway, zone-wise;
- (c) the steps taken to complete said plan in the remaining XIth Plan period;
- (d) whether the Railways is hopeful of achieving freight target and carry nearly 900 million tonnes of freight during the current Five Year Plan (FYP); and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Substantial progress has been made in the implementation of Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC). In the current 11th Plan period, funding for Phase-I (Rewari-Vadodara) 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. Work has been taken up for 54 major and important bridges. 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- Bhaupur-Mughalsarai Section. Work has been taken up in Mughalsarai-Sonnagar section and Dankuni to Chandanpur. Eastern and Western DFCs are targeted for commissioning in 2016-17 and project implementation is being closely monitored. The Eastern & Western DFCs do not touch South Central Railway.

(d): The target for freight loading for terminal year of current Five Year Plan (2007-2012) has been kept at 993 million tonnes.

(e): The details of freight loading, targets, achievements till January 2011 is as under:-

(Figures in Million Tonnes)

Zonal Railway	Initial Budgeted Target for 2010-11	Pro-rata Targets upto January 2011	Actual Freight Loading till January 2011
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Central	60.40	49.65	44.74
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Eastern	56.27	45.99	44.24
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East Central	85.00	69.89	72.12
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East Coast	112.50	91.48	89.93
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Northern 46.00 38.00 38.56

North Central 9.50 7.79 7.24

North Eastern 1.75 1.45 1.41

Northeast Frontier 11.75 9.29 9.35

North Western 18.65 15.25 14.88

Southern 37.50 30.72 28.60

South Central 93.25 76.43 78.47

South Eastern 127.50 104.20 101.85

South East Central 140.50 115.12 116.37

South Western 47.23 38.55 29.06

Western 62.25 51.49 52.05

West Central 32.20 26.27 25.87

Konkan 1.75 1.43 1.23

Total 944.00 773.00 755.97