

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:508
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DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR (DFC)
Tandon Annu

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of progress made so far on the ongoing Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) projects in the country project-wise;
- (b) the details of funds allocated/spent thereon so far, project-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to synchronize with the Ministries of Road Transport and Highways and Shipping for a seamless freight connectivity across the country; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) on Eastern (Dankuni-Ludhiana) and Western (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Tughlakabad/Dadri) routes have been sanctioned. The status in respect of both the Corridors is as under:-

Eastern Corridor

Construction work is in progress in 66 Kilometres of Sonnagar – Mughalsarai portion of the corridor. The work on the Mughalsarai-Ludhiana portion (1183 Kms.) of the corridor is being funded through World Bank Loan. The Loan Agreement for the Phase –I (Khurja-Kanpur, 343 Kms. section) has been signed with the World Bank and process for finalisation of tender for civil works of this section has commenced.

Western Corridor

Work on 54 major and important bridges between Vaitarna and Surat is in progress.

Loan Agreement with JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency), which is funding the entire Western Freight Corridor work, has been signed for Phase-I of the work between Rewari and Vadodara.

Tendering process for execution of civil work on the 625 Kms. Rewari- Iqbalgarh portion has also commenced.

(b): Expenditure till 31.3.2011 on Eastern and Western DFC Project is Rs. 2026.41 Crores. Budget allotment for 2011-12 is Rs. 2956 Crore and expenditure till September 2011 is Rs. 315.8 Crore.

(c): No, Madam. There is no such proposal at present.

(d): Does not arise.