

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:55

ANSWERED ON:15.03.2012

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the progress of the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) projects in the country, project-wise;
- (b) whether any review of the progress of the said projects has been undertaken recently;
- (c) if so, the details of the outcome of the said review;
- (d) the steps taken/being taken as a result of the said review to expedite the work on the said projects; and
- (e) the details of funds allocated/ spent thereon so far, project-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DINESH TRIVEDI)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 55 BY SHRI SANJAY BHOI AND SHRI ANAND PRAKASH PARANJPE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2012 REGARDING DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR.

(a): The status of both the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors(DFCs) are as under:-

Eastern Corridor(Dankuni-Ludhiana, 1839 Kms.)

Construction work is in progress in 66 Kms. of New Karwandia- Ganjkhwaja Section through Budgetary resources. Ludhiana –Mughalsarai section (1183 Kms.) of this corridor is being funded through World Bank Loan. The Loan Agreement for the first sector (Khurja-Bhaupur, 343 Kms.) has been signed with the Bank in October 2011 and tendering process has been initiated. Bid document for civil works has been issued to prequalified bidders in December 2011. Land for the project is being acquired under Railway Amendment Act (RAA) 2008. Against the total requirement of 4843 Hectare of land, Award under section 20 F of RAA 2008 has been declared for 2823 Hectares.

Western Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Tughlakabad/Dadri, 1499 Kms.)

Construction work on 54 major and important bridges between Vaitarna and Surat is in progress through Budgetary resources. Other than this, the entire Western DFC is being funded through Official Development Assistance (ODA) Loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). Funding for Phase-I (Rewari-Vadodara, 930 Kms.) has been tied up and Loan Agreement for first tranche signed in March 2010. The tendering process in Phase-I has commenced and Pre-Qualification for civil works for 645 Kms. is under finalisation. Loan for Phase -II (Rewari- Dadri and Jawaharlal Nehru Port – Vadodara) is under negotiation. Against the total requirement of 5860 Hectare of land, Award under section 20 F of RAA 2008 has been declared for 3780 Hectares.

(b) to (d): The project implementation is being monitored by M/s. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), Ministry of Railways, Planning Commission and Prime Minister's Office on a regular basis. Last review meeting was held in Prime Minister's Office on 2nd February 2012. Various issues related to land acquisition, environmental clearances, loan agreements and project implementation were taken up in the meeting and directions were given to the concerned authorities.

(e): Rs. 3478.96 Crore has been spent on the DFC Project upto February 2012 (Eastern DFC – Rs. 1793.82 Crore and Western DFC- Rs. 1685.14 Crore). Out of this, Rs. 815.08 Crore has been spent on project implementation and Rs. 2663.88 Crore has been spent on land acquisition for the project.