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RAIL INDUSTRIAL CORRIDORS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to set up rail industrial corridors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the routes identified for the purpose, State-wise including Chhattisgarh;
- (c) the details of financial implications likely to be involved therein; and
- (d) the time-frame set for implementation of the said projects?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways have taken up development of Eastern (Dankuni-Ludhiana, 1839 Kms.) and Western (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Tughlakabad/Dadri, 1499 Kms.) Dedicated Freight Corridors. Connectivity to ports and industrial clusters are also taken up in a need-based manner with participation of strategic stakeholders, wherever possible.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for construction of three rail corridors in Chhattisgarh, namely, (i) Bhupdevpur- Gharghoda-Dharamjaygarh up to Korba, (ii) Surajpur- Parsa- Katghora-Korba and (iii) Gevra Road to Pendra Road has been signed on 27.02.2012 between Ministry of Railways and Government of Chhattisgarh.

Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion (DIPP) has proposed to undertake a study for the comprehensive Regional Plan for the Chennai- Bangalore Industrial Corridor. In this context, Ministry of Railways has requested DIPP to examine the need of a dedicated rail corridor between Chennai and Bangalore.

(c): Three above-mentioned rail corridors comprise a total length of 452 Kilometers and entail an estimated cost of `4,362 Crores.

(d): The time -frame for implementation of the projects has been set as 5 years in the MoU.