

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) the status of freight corridor project in the country;
- (b) whether the Railways have any discussion with Japan in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the details of other issues discussed with Japanese authorities?

Answer

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

(a): Western and Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Projects are approved and being implemented by Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL), a wholly owned Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Railways. Final Location Survey has been completed on Western DFC and Ludhiana-Sonnagar section of Eastern DFC. Eleven field units headed by Chief Project Managers have been set up for project implementation and two initial construction contracts for Railway funded portions i.e. 105 kilometers on Sonnagar-

Mughalsarai section and 54 major and important bridges on Surat-Virar section have been awarded. External funding has been sought from bilateral/multilateral agencies.

(b) to (d): Yes, Madam. In respect of funding sought from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under the Special Terms of Economic Partnership (STEP) scheme of Government of Japan for the Western Corridor, loan discussions have taken place coordinated by Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance. An Engineering Services loan agreement has been signed on 27.10.2009.