

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways propose to construct dedicated freight corridors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details of the regions, likely to be covered by these freight corridors; and
- (c) the status of the proposed project?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) on Eastern and Western trunk routes have been approved. The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor starts from Dankuni in West Bengal and terminate near Ludhiana in Punjab and will pass through West Bengal, Jharkhand, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab. The Western DFC will start from Dadri / Tughlakabad and terminate at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai and will pass through Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Maharashtra.

(c): Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited(DFCCIL), a Special Purpose Vehicle, has been formed as a Public Sector Undertaking of the Ministry of Railways for execution of the project. Final Location Survey of the entire Western Corridor and from Ludhiana to Sonnagar on Eastern Corridor have been completed. Process of land acquisition has been started for about 2400 Kilometers. Construction contracts for 105 Kilometers of Eastern DFC and 54 major and important bridges of Western DFC have been awarded. Funding has been sought from World Bank and Asian Development Bank for Eastern DFC and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Western DFC.