GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

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DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR CORPORATION OF INDIA LTD
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of responsibility assigned to the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL) along with the extent of its autonomy;
- (b) whether the Railways proposed to grant more autonomy to DFCCIL for speedy execution of projects assigned to it;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the present status of contribution/role of Japan International Cooperation Agency and other foreign agencies, if any, in the development of Dedicated Freight Corridor projects?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

- (a) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) is a Special Purpose Vehicle set up under the administrative control of Ministry of Railways to undertake planning, construction, operation and maintenance of Dedicated Freight Corridors. The Company functions through a Board of Directors which has been given full powers to take decisions connected with the execution of the Project.
- (b) & (c) The relationship between Ministry of Railways and DFCCIL is on arm's length basis. DFCCIL has already been empowered to take decisions in respect of matters of project execution, contracts, planning, operation and maintenance, hiring of staff etc.
- (d): The entire Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (1499 Kms.) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai to Rewari/Dadri near New Delhi is being implemented with loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Government of Japan.

Loan agreement for 1st tranche of 90 billion Japanese Yen (? 6,356 Crores) out of a total of 350 billion Japanese Yen (rs 24,600 Crores) of Phase-1 (Rewari - Vadodara, 930 Kms.) of the project has been signed.

Out of 1839 Kms. of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor from Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni near Kolkata, World Bank funding has been agreed for 1183 Kms. from Ludhiana to Mughalsarai. Loan Agreement for the first sector (Khurja-Kanpur, 343 Kms.) for US \$ 975 million (rs 5350 Crores) has been signed.

As per current exchange rate.