

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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ALLOCATION FOR PROJECTS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Planning Commission has refused to allocate sufficient funds for two ambitious railway projects of High Speed Passenger Corridors and Dedicated Freight Corridors in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the reaction of the Railways thereto;
- (d) the details of funds estimated for the implementation of these two ambitious projects; and
- (e) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to raise funds for these ambitious projects?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KOTLA JAYA SURYA PRAKASH REDDY)

(a) to (c): An allocation of Rs.26,000 crore as Gross Budgetary Support has been made by the Planning Commission, that includes outlay for Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC). No separate allocation of funds was requested by Railways for High Speed Passenger Corridors as no such work is sanctioned as yet.

In the Annual Plan for 2013-14, a provision of Rs. 5,455 crore has been made for DFC.

(d): The project cost of Eastern and Western DFC project is currently estimated at Rs.95,836 crore, including cost of land. Cost estimates for High speed passenger corridor project are not available as no such work has been sanctioned as yet.

(e) : Western DFC (1,499 km) is being funded by loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to the extent of 77% of the project cost. Out of 1,839 km of Eastern DFC, 1,183 km of Ludhiana-Khurja-Dadri-Kanpur-Mughalsarai section is being funded through loan from World Bank to the extent of 66% of the project cost. Balance funds for these sections will be provided by Railways.

Mughalsarai-Sonnagar section (122 km) is being funded from Railways' resources. Dankuni- Sonnagar section (534 km) is to be funded through Public Private Partnership route.