

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:251  
ANSWERED ON:14.03.2013  
DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS  
Ramkishun Shri

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

- (a) the details and the present status of Dedicated Freight Corridor project in the country, including the land acquisition process for the purpose, corridor-wise;
- (b) whether the affected farmers/ land owners are being paid compensation in lieu thereof and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of the funds estimated for these projects along with the progress made in working out a suitable financing module for the purpose;
- (d) the time frame set for the completion of the said projects; and
- (e) the steps taken/ being taken by the Railways for timely completion of the projects and to avoid escalation of cost?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.251 BY SHRI RAMKISHUN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 14.03.2013 REGARDING DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS

(a) to (c) Two Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Projects viz Eastern Corridor (Dankuni-Ludhiana, 1839 km) and the Western Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Tughlakabad/Dadri, 1499 km) have been sanctioned. The cost of DFC Project (excluding cost of land acquisition) is currently estimated at Rs. 88,300 Crore (Eastern DFC Rs. 40,094 Crore and Western DFC Rs. 48,206 Crores). This includes escalation in cost during construction period, capitalization of interest during construction, insurance & taxes etc. Cost of land acquisition is Rs. 7536 Crores. The project is being implemented through a mix of Gross Budgetary Support (GBS), multilateral /bilateral loans and public private partnership.

Western DFC is being implemented through loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) in two phases (phase 1 being Rewari -Vadodara, 930 km and phase 2 being JNPT- Vadodara and Rewar -Dadri, 569 km), the total loan amount being 550 billion Japanese Yen (JPY) (Rs 38,722 crore at exchange rate of 1 Rupee = 1.42 JPY). JICA funding for Western DFC phase 1 is tied up and loan agreement for the first tranche has been signed. Bids for civil construction work in 625 km Rewari-Iqbalgarh section have been opened and offers are under evaluation. All requirements for funding of Western DFC phase 2 have been met and loan agreement for first tranche of phase 2 is targeted to be signed in March 2013. Counterpart funds for JICA funded section would be provided as equity from Ministry of Railways.

As regards Eastern Corridor, World Bank is funding the 1183 km, Ludhiana - Khurja- Kanpur -Mughalsarai section and the total loan amount agreed is US \$ 2.725 billion (Rs 13,625 crore at exchange rate of 1 US \$ = 50 Rupees) in three phases. Loan agreement for first phase viz Khurja-Kanpur, 343 km has been signed and civil construction contract has been awarded in January 2013. Loan agreement for the second phase (Kanpur-Mughlasarai, 393 km) is targeted in 2013-14 and for phase 3 (Khurja-Ludhiana, 447 km) thereafter. Counterpart funds for World Bank funded section would be provided as equity from Ministry of Railways. Mughalsarai-Sonnagar Section (122 Kms) is being funded by Indian Railways resources and construction work is in progress. Sonnagar-Dankuni Section (534 Kms) is to be funded through Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and implementation would be dependent on the response.

The land for the DFCs is being acquired under Railway Amendment Act (RAA) 2008 and compensation is being paid to affected farmers as per entitlement matrix prepared for the DFC. Out of total land of 4807 hectares to be acquired for Eastern DFC, compensation Award under section 20 F of RAA 2008 has been declared for 3503 Hectares (73%). Out of total land of 5860 hectares to be acquired for Western DFC, Award under section 20 F of RAA 2008 has been declared for 4575 Hectares (78%).

Compensation for land is being paid as per value of land decided by the Competent Authority based on prevailing circle rate or the average of the sale price of similar type of land situated in the village or vicinity, during the last 3 years whichever is higher. In addition 60% solatium on value of land is also being provided. Total compensation award under section 20F of RAA 2008 Award has been declared for Rs 4217 Crores (Western DFC: Rs. 2103 Crore., Eastern DFC: Rs. 2114 Crore).

(d) The 122 km Mughalsarai - Sonnagar section is targeted for commissioning in December 2015. Phase 1 of Western DFC (930 km) and 343 km Khurja-Kanpur section where funding is tied up and contracting is at advanced stage are targeted for commissioning in 2017. For remaining sections where funding tie up is on, commissioning is expected four years after the award of contracts.

(e) The project construction contracts are being awarded on Design Build Lump Sum basis to ensure timely completion within the cost estimates. The project execution is being periodically monitored.