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CONSTRUCTION OF HIGH SPEED CORRIDOR

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to construct high speed freight corridors for rapid transportation of goods in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the present status of the said project;
- (c) the present status of Western and Eastern dedicated freight corridor projects;
- (d) whether these projects are being completed in a time-bound manner and carefully monitored and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether some more additional dedicated freight corridors are proposed to be taken up; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof along with the locations identified in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Yes, Madam. The Ministry of Railways have sanctioned implementation of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) with freight train speeds of maximum 100 Kmph.

(b) & (c): Alignment for both WDFC & EDFC has been finalized. WDFC starts from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT), Mumbai and passes through the States of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana, and terminate at Dadri in Uttar Pradesh. The total length of the Western DFC is about 1500 Kms.

The Eastern Freight Corridor, starts from Sahnewal near Ludhiana in Punjab and passes through the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and terminate at Dankuni in West Bengal, total length being 1856 Kms.

As regards land acquisition, award of 20 F (Compensation Award) under Railway Amendment Act 2008, for 80% of land has been completed. Civil Contracts of about 1100 km and System Contract of 945 km have been finalized. Civil works are progressing in Khurja-Kanpur, Mughalsarai-Sonnagar Section of EDFC and in Rewari-Palanpur Section of WDFC.

(d): Excluding Sonnagar –Dankuni Section of EDFC, WDFC and EDFC is targeted to be completed in December 2019. Project implementation schedule, timelines have been drawn up and are being monitored on regular basis.

(e) & (f): Apart from EDFC & WDFC, Preliminary Engineering Cum Traffic Surveys (PETS) have been taken up for the following DFCs:-

(i) East-West Corridor (Kolkata-Mumbai) - It will traverse through the States of West Bengal, Jharkhand, Odisha, Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra

(ii) North-South Corridor (Delhi-Chennai): - It will traverse through the States of Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.

(iii) East Coast Corridor (Kharagpur-Vijaywada): - It will traverse through the States of West Bengal, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh.

(iv) Southern Corridor (Chennai-Goa): - It will traverse through the States of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Goa.