

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
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DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS

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

- (a) the present status of progress made in the development of Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects, corridor-wise including Chhattisgarh portion;
- (b) the estimated cost thereof along with the details of financing module worked out by the Railways for the purpose, corridor-wise;
- (c) the present status of progress made in acquisition of land for the purpose, corridor -wise;
- (d) the time-frame set for implementation of the said projects, corridor-wise; and
- (e) the details of steps taken/being taken by the Railways for timely completion of the said projects, corridor-wise?

**Answer**

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

(a) At present two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) viz. Eastern Corridor (Dankuni- Ludhiana, 1839 Kms.) and the Western Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri, 1499 Kms.) have been sanctioned. None of the two is passing through Chhattisgarh.

On Eastern DFC, construction work is in progress in Mughalsarai-Sonnagar section. Civil contract has also been awarded on 343 Kms. Khurja-Kanpur Section and work has started. On Western DFC, civil contract has been awarded on 625 Kms. Rewari-Palanpur Section and work has started. Construction of 25 major and important bridges between Vaitarana and Bharuch has been completed.

(b) The estimated completion cost of construction of the two Corridors, excluding land, and excluding Sonnagar-Dankuni Section, which is to be implemented through Public Private Partnership(PPP), is Rs. 73,392 Crores (Eastern DFC: Rs. 26,674 Crores and Western DFC: Rs. 46,718 Crore). The cost of land is estimated at Rs. 8067 Crore (Eastern DFC- Rs. 3684 Crore and Western DFC- Rs. 4383 Crore).

Western DFC is being funded by loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). JICA funding is Rs. 38,772 crore, which is 77% of project cost.

World Bank is funding the 1,183 Kms. Section from Ludhiana to Mughalsarai of the Eastern DFC. World Bank loan is Rs. 13,625 crore which is 66% of the project cost. 122 Kms. Section of Mughalsarai-Sonnagar Section of Eastern DFC is funded by Gross Budgetary Support and the cost is Rs. 3679 crores. 534 Kms. of Sonnagar-Dankuni Section of Eastern DFC is to be implemented through PPP.

The balance excluding debt is funded through Budgetary Support from the Government.

(c) Land for DFC Projects is being acquired under Railway Amendment Act (RAA) 2008. Out of 10,667 hectare of land to be acquired for the project, Award under 20F of RAA 2008 has been declared upto June 2014 is 9641 Hectare of land (Western DFC: 5600 Hectare and Eastern DFC: 4041 Hectare).

(d) Western DFC is targeted to be commissioned in 2018 and Eastern DFC in 2019, excluding Sonnagar-Dankuni Section.

(e) Project implementation schedule, timelines and milestones have been drawn up and are being monitored on regular basis. For better coordination State level coordination committees with respective State Governments have been formed to avoid delay in land acquisition and other related issues.