

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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Dedicated Freight Corridors

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to develop three more dedicated freight corridors in the country and if so, the details along with the length thereof;
- (b) the present railways' share in carrying freight in the country and the freight traffic projections in these three new freight corridors;
- (c) whether the land has been acquired and all the necessary sanctions have been issued for setting up of above three freight corridors and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the funds allocated so far in this regard;
- (e) the targets set for completion of the projects and the present status thereof; and
- (f) the time by which these freight corridors will be operational and extent to which the railways' share in carrying freight will be increased in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Yes, Madam. Three new Dedicated Freight Corridors viz. (i) East-West Corridor (2328 km) (Kolkata-Mumbai); (ii) North-South Corridor (2327 km) (Delhi-Chennai); and (iii) East Coast Corridor (1115 km) (Kharagpur – Vijayawada) have been announced in Budget Speech 2016-17. The Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Survey (PETS) Reports of these Corridors have been completed.

(b): As per the National Transport Development Policy Committee Report, in 2010 Railways' share in freight traffic in the country was estimated to be 36%. The estimated traffic projection of three new Dedicated Freight Corridors as per PETS Report in the year 2023-24 is as under: –

(i) East- West Corridor -540.18 million tonne; (ii) North-South Corridor- 209.66 million tonne; (iii) East Coast Corridor- 314.53 million tonne.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): No expenditure has been allocated as the new freight corridors have yet not been sanctioned.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.
