

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:314
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2014
SETTING UP OF FREIGHT CORRIDORS
Panda Shri Baijayant "Jay"

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to construct high speed freight corridors for faster movement of goods in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the status of the project;
- (c) the names of the metro cities proposed to be connected through the said corridors, State/Zone-wise including Odisha ; and
- (d) the time by which it is likely to be constructed?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 314 BY SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2014 REGARDING SETTING UP OF FREIGHT CORRIDORS

(a) & (b): Two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) viz. Eastern DFC from Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni in West Bengal and Western DFC from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust(JNPT) in Mumbai, Maharashtra to Dadri near Delhi have been sanctioned and implementation taken up where maximum speed of freight trains will be 100 km/h. Excluding 538 km Sonnagar-Dankuni Section of Eastern DFC which is to be implemented through Public Private Partnership, civil construction contracts of 1100 km have been awarded. Civil work on Khurja-Kanpur Section (343 kms) of Eastern DFC and Rewari -Palanpur Section (625 kms) of Western DFC have commenced and approximately 25% of work in Khurja-Kanpur Section & 12% in Rewari -Palanpur Section have been completed. Contract for construction of 54 major and important bridges in Vaitarna-Bharuch Section of Western DFC has also been awarded and work on 26 bridges have been completed so far. Electrification contract for 930 km of Western DFC has also been awarded recently. Work in Mughalsarai-Sonnagar Section of Eastern DFC is also progressing well. Award under Section 20F of Railway Amendment Act (RAA) 2008 has been issued for land acquisition of over 9000 Hectare and land compensation award of over Rs. 6400 crore has been declared as per provision of RAA 2008.

Apart from Eastern & Western Freight Corridors, Pre -feasibility studies have been completed on four future Freight Corridors viz. East-West Corridor (Kolkata-Mumbai), North-South Corridor (Delhi-Chennai), East Coast Corridor (Kharagpur-Vijayawada) and Southern Corridor (Goa-Chennai) and Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Study (PETS) has been undertaken by Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL) through M/s RITES on the four corridors.

(c): The Western DFC will pass through Surat, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Palanpur (Gujarat), Ajmer (Rajasthan) and Rewari(Haryana) and the Eastern DFC will pass through Asansol (West Bengal), Gomoh (Jharkhand), Sonnagar (Bihar), Mughalsarai(Uttar Pradesh), Bhaupur (Uttar Pradesh), Khurja (Uttar Pradesh) and Saharanpur (Uttar Pradesh).

Odisha does not fall on routes of the sanctioned DFCs. However it is on the routes of future corridors, namely, East Coast Corridor (Kharagpur-Vijayawada) and East-West Corridor (Kolkata-Mumbai).

(d): The Western DFC and Eastern DFC (excluding Sonnagar-Dankuni Section) are likely to be commissioned by 2019.