

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3470
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS

**†3470. SHRI AJAY MISRA TENI:
SHRI KUNWAR PUSHPENDRA SINGH CHANDEL:
SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the Eastern and Western Freight Corridors;**
- (b) the time frame fixed for the completion of these projects initially;**
- (c) the expenditure incurred on the projects so far;**
- (d) the original cost of the project and the revised cost due to delay in its completion and the time by which it is likely to be completed; and**
- (e) the names of the funding agencies of the two projects, project-wise?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a) Overall progress in land acquisition on both the corridors is 98.7%. All Civil contracts for Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (Sonnagar to Ludhiana) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Dadri) have been awarded. Overall 97.2% of total contracts have been awarded.**

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(b) At the time of conception of the project, the completion period of the project was expected to be 5 years after start of the construction.

(c) Total expenditure (including land) incurred as on 30.06.2018 is ₹39,139 Crore.

(d) The original cost of the project was ₹28,181 Crore. The cost of the project has increased on account of increase in cost of land, change of scope of the project and some other technical requirements.

The revised estimated cost is about ₹81,459 Crore, which includes price escalation and interest during construction. The project started in 2007, however, the pace of the project has accelerated during the last four years with the infusion of adequate funds and the completion of the Eastern and the Western. Dedicated Freight Corridors are targeted in phases from 2018 to 2020.

(e) The Eastern Corridor is being constructed predominantly with World Bank funding except for 538 Kms section between Sonnagar and Dankuni which is to be constructed through PPP. The Western Corridor is being constructed with funding from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).
