

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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CONSTRUCTION OF FREIGHT CORRIDORS

439 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government has started construction of freight corridors to decongest the railway network that struggles with track availability issues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) how it will be helpful for early disposal of freight?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (c): Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Kms.). So far, 1610 km out of total sanctioned length of 2843 km of DFC has been completed.

The construction of Dedicated Freight Corridors will offer higher transport output and carrying capacity due to faster transit of freight trains, running of double stack container trains and heavy haul trains due to which the unit cost of freight transport will get reduced substantially and there will be savings in the Logistics costs. This would also improve the supply chain for the industries/logistics players located in DFC's catchment areas leading to growth of EXIM traffic as well.

The above advantages of DFCs will promote Industrial activities in the region by leveraging the Industrial corridors/townships being implemented along the DFC route. Development of New Freight terminals, Multimodal Logistics parks and Inland Container Depots along both Eastern and Western DFC are in different stages of implementation.
