

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1083**  
**ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023**

**SEPARATE RAIL LINES FOR GOODS TRAINS**

1083 DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any proposal for laying separate rail lines for passenger trains and goods trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of works completed with regard to laying of separate railway lines for goods trains during the last five years;
- (d) whether a pilot project namely “Joint Parcel Product” has been launched by the Indian Railways and Indian Postal Department; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1083 BY DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 28.07.2023 REGARDING SEPARATE RAIL LINES FOR GOODS TRAINS**

(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 Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 km). So far, 2196 km (EDFC-1150 km and WDFC-1046 km) out of total sanctioned length of 2843 km of DFC, has been completed.

Also, a High Speed Rail project namely Mumbai - Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) has been undertaken with technical collaboration and financial assistance from the Government of Japan. This project is dedicated to passenger train services.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. A project namely “Joint Parcel Product” (JPP) has been launched by Indian Railways in collaboration with India Post which aims to target business-to-customer (B2C) and business-to-business (B2B) market with focus on e-Commerce and MSME market. Under the ‘JPP’, India Post provides the First & Last Mile services, and Indian Railways provide the Middle Mile services.

In this regard, a pilot project for ‘JPP’ has been launched on 31.03.2022, by attaching a parcel van in Tapti Ganga Express (19045/46) between Surat and Varanasi. After the pilot project, time-tabled JPP trains (in full rakes) were introduced w.e.f. 15.02.2023 on identified routes. Presently, JPP trains are operational on 13 routes.

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