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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of the dedicated freight corridor projects in the country and their anticipated impact on the logistics and transportation sector; and
- (b) the measures which are being taken to ensure the timely completion of dedicated freight corridors which are expected to enhance the efficiency of freight transportation in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(a) and (b) : Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) 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). Construction of EDFC has been fully completed and 1220 KM out of 1506 KM of WDFC has been completed and train operations are going on in the completed sections.

The construction of Dedicated Freight Corridors will reduce the logistic cost with higher axle load trains, Double Stack Container trains(DSC) and faster access to Northern hinterland by Western Ports and will also lead to development of new industrial hubs and Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals.

To ensure timely completion of Dedicated Freight Corridors, the Government has made timely provision of fund and monitored the project land acquisition activities by close coordination with State Governments directly and also in different forums i.e. Project Monitoring Group (PMG) etc.
