

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**CONSTRUCTION OF FREIGHT CORRIDORS IN INDIA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of freight corridors being constructed in India;
- (b) the status of progress thereof in 2020 and 2025; and
- (c) the benefits that freight corridors will bring to the economy?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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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 Km).

The comparative statement showing completion of DFCs is as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Completed (Route Kms)</b>
upto 2014	Nil
2014 to 2025 (Till Feb.2025)	2741

Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Project has positive impact on transportation and logistics sector as it enabled enhanced movement of Double Stack Container (DSC) trains, higher axle load trains, faster access of northern hinterland by Western Ports and development of new terminals/linkages with industries along the DFC. The Eastern DFC mostly caters to mineral traffic from Eastern India. These developments enabled reduction in logistic cost.

DFC has contributed to creating additional paths on the conventional network by diverting freight traffic to EDFC and WDFC. Traffic on DFC in 2024-25 (till Feb.2025) has reached to 352 average trains per day. In Feb. 2025, 371 average trains per day were run. As a result, Railways have been able to run additional goods and coaching services over its network with better punctuality.

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