

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1546
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STATUS OF DANKUNI–SURAT DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR

1546 SHRI BISWAJIT SINHA (RAHUL SINHA):

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 2,100-km Dankuni–Surat Dedicated Freight Corridor announced in the Union Budget 2026-27 is currently in the revised DPR phase, if so, the expected date by which the revised DPR with updated cost estimates and timelines will be finalised by DFCCIL;
- (b) projected total project cost, the proposed funding mechanism and the timeline for commencement of construction and completion of the corridor; and
- (c) status of pre-construction activities including land acquisition, identification of implementation sections, deployment of core teams and measures being taken to ensure that this strategically critical project connecting Dankuni in West Bengal with Surat in Gujarat does not face delays?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Ministry of Railways had 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 Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) (1506 Km). Both the DFCs i.e. Eastern DFC (1337 Km) and Western DFC (1506 Km) have been commissioned.

On average, about 443 trains are operated per day on DFCs. The Dedicated Freight Corridors have demonstrated robust operational performance. Freight volumes have steadily increased, with higher average speeds, faster turnarounds, and enhanced reliability. DFC has contributed to creating additional paths on the conventional network by diverting freight traffic to EDFC and WDFC. As a result, Railways have been able to run additional goods and coaching services over its network.

A new Dedicated Freight Corridor connecting Dankuni in East to Surat in West has been announced in the Union Budget 2026. The work of preparation/ updation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this corridor has been taken up. The total cost of the project, funding mechanism, timelines etc. can be ascertained once DPR is finalized.

To fast track the project, the project has already been declared as “Special Railway Project”. Nomination of Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALAs) for 30 districts, out of a total 34 districts has been done by the respective State Government, and Dedicated teams have been deployed by DFCCIL at 07 locations (Surat, Jalgaon, Nagpur, Raipur, Jharsuguda, Tata Nagar & Kolkata) for coordination with State Government.
