

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1556
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RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY TO FALTA SEZ FOR CARGO MOVEMENT

1556 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has requested Eastern Railway (ER) to examine the feasibility of providing railway connectivity to the Falta Special Economic Zone in South 24 Parganas district of West Bengal for cargo movement;
- (b) if so, the details of the feasibility study undertaken, including proposed alignment, estimated project cost and expected freight handling capacity;
- (c) whether any Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been prepared or is under preparation for the said project; and
- (d) the present timeline for approval and implementation of railway connectivity to Falta SEZ?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Diamond Harbour railway station is about 19 Km away from Falta Special Economic Zone which serves as the transportation hub for the nearby region.

In order to boost investment from industry in development of additional terminals for handling rail cargos, 'Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal' policy has been launched. The Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals (GCTs) are being developed by private players and can be developed on non-Railway land or fully / partially on Railway land. The location of GCTs is being decided on the basis of demand from industry and potential of Cargo traffic.

GCTs at Gokulpur, Ramkanali, Janai Road, Balurghat, Andal, Salampur and Sargachhi have been commissioned in West Bengal. In addition, In-Principle Approvals (IPAs) have been granted for the development of 23 more GCTs in West Bengal at Raninagar Jalpaiguri-1, Durgapur, Jak Pur-1, Madhukunda-1, Mani Gram, Waria, JSW Block Cabin (JSWB), Kunuri-1, Tapasi-1, Madhukunda-2, Gokul Pur-1, Bansh Baria, Tapasi-2, Rani Nagar Jalpaiguri-2, Brace Bridge, Panchra, Jak Pur-2, Gokul Pur-2, Nimpura through Yard, Bero-1, Jak Pur-3, Kunuri-2 and Bero-2.

Presently, no proposal has been received from industry for providing rail link to Falta SEZ under GCT policy.
