

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5182
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2017**

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS

**5182. SHRI ADHALRAO PATIL SHIVAJIRAO:
SHRI ANANDRAO ADSUL:
SHRI G. HARI:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI DHARMENDRA YADAV:
SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT;
DR. PRITAM GOPINATH MUNDE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to develop three more dedicated freight corridors in the country and if so, the details along with the length thereof;**
- (b) the present railways' share in carrying freight in the country and the freight traffic projections in these three new freight corridors;**
- (c) whether the land has been acquired and all the necessary sanctions have been issued for setting up of above three freight corridors and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon and the funds allocated so far in this regard;**
- (e) the targets set for completion of the projects and the present status thereof; and**
- (f) the time by which these freight corridors will be operational and extent to which the railways' share in carrying freight will be increased in the country?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a): Yes, Madam. Three new Dedicated Freight Corridors viz. (i) East-West Corridor (2328 km) (Kolkata-Mumbai); (ii) North-South Corridor (2327 km) (Delhi-Chennai); and (iii) East Coast Corridor (1115 km) (Kharagpur –

Vijayawada) have been announced in Budget Speech 2016-17. The Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Survey(PETS) Reports of these Corridors have been completed.

(b): As per the National Transport Development Policy Committee Report, in 2010 Railways' share in freight traffic in the country was estimated to be 36%. The estimated traffic projection of three new Dedicated Freight Corridors as per PETS Report in the year 2023-24 is as under: –

(i) East- West Corridor -540.18 million tonne; (ii) North-South Corridor- 209.66 million tonne; (iii) East Coast Corridor- 314.53 million tonne.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): No expenditure has been allocated as the new freight corridors have yet not been sanctioned.

(e) & (f): Do not arise.
