

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 454
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

EASTERN DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT

***454. DR. AMAR SINGH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has initiated the work of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) Project from Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni in West Bengal and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the current status of the project, State-wise;**
- (c) whether in some States, it would be on single line and without electric line;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the time by which the project is likely to be fully operationalised?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 454 BY DR. AMAR SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2019 REGARDING EASTERN DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECT

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) Project from Ludhiana to Dankuni (1856 km) was sanctioned in the year 2006 & 2008 (in 2 stages) and is being executed by Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Railways. The State-wise length of EDFC is Punjab-88km, Haryana-72km, Uttar Pradesh-1058km, Bihar-239km, Jharkhand - 196km and West Bengal-203km.

The current status of the EDFC project in these States is as under-

- The works in EDFC have been expedited by the Government utilising `16,371 Cr in 2014-2019 linking track of 919 Km, whereas in 2009-2014, `3,865 Cr were utilized without any track linked.**
- The section from Ludhiana (Punjab) to Mughalsarai (Uttar Pradesh) (1192 Km) is being executed with assistance through loan from World Bank. All Civil contracts and 97.8% of System contracts (signaling, telecommunication and Electrification Work) have been awarded. The trial run in Khurja-Badhan section (194 Km) was successfully done in November 2018.**
- The section from Mughalsarai (Uttar Pradesh) to Sonnagar (Bihar) (126 Km), is being executed from funding through own resources. All tenders for this section have been awarded and work is in advance stage of construction.**

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- **The section from Sonnagar (Bihar) to Dankuni (West Bengal) (538 Km), is being undertaken under PPP mode. So far, about 85% land acquisition has been completed and preparation of bid documents is in advance stage.**

(c) & (d) All the sections of EDFC have been planned as electrified. The section from Khurja to Ludhiana (401 kms), passing through the States of Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Punjab, is planned as single line as per the requirement for the projected level of traffic on this route.

(e) The target of phase-wise completion of the Eastern DFC project is December, 2021.
