

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2505
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.12.2022**

SEPARATE RAIL LINES FOR PASSENGER AND GOODS TRAINS

†2505. SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any proposal for laying separate rail lines for the passenger trains and goods trains;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of works completed with regard to laying of separate railway lines for goods trains during the last five years;**
- (d) whether a pilot project namely “Joint Parcel Product” has been launched by the Indian Railways and Indian Postal Department; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2505 BY SHRI RATTAN LAL KATARIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.12.2022 REGARDING SEPARATE RAIL LINES FOR PASSENGER AND GOODS TRAINS

(a) to (c): For dedicated freight movement, Indian Railways has undertaken a mega-infrastructure project namely the Dedicated Freight Corridor(DFC), comprising Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC- from Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust 1506 Km) and Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor(EDFC- from Ludhiana to Sonnagar-1337 Km) totalling 2843 route Km.

A total route length of 1610 Km (799 Km of EDFC and 811 Km of WDFC) has been completed out of total 2843 Km till October, 2022.

(d) & (e): Yes, Sir. Joint Parcel Product (JPP) has been launched by Indian Railways in collaboration with India Post which aims to target business-to-customer (B2C) and business-to-business (B2B) market with focus on e-Commerce and MSME market. Under the 'JPP', India Post provides First & Last Mile services, and Indian Railways provide the Middle Mile services.

In this regard, a pilot project for 'JPP' has been launched on 31.03.2022, by attaching a Parcel Van in Tapti Ganga Express (19045/46) between Surat and Varanasi.
