

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1124
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS

1124. SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC);**
- (b) if so, the progress and status of the work on all Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs);**
- (c) the details of the comparative status of financial and physical progress of both DFC's in 2014 and in 2023;**
- (d) whether DFC is likely to promote industrial activities in the region by leveraging the industrial corridors/townships being implemented along the DFC route;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the benefits to the whole logistics sector and Railways; and**
- (f) whether the Quadrilateral linking the four Metropolitan cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Howrah is still behind the target, if so, the details and the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1124 BY SHRI MANOJ KOTAK AND SHRI DIBYENDU ADHIKARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.02.2023 REGARDING DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Kms.). 861 Km on EDFC and 863 Km on WDFC has been completed.

(c): The comparative picture of financial and physical progress of both DFC's in 2014 and in 2022 are as under:-

Description	Status as on 1st Mar'2014	Status as on 31st Jan.2023
Physical Progress	Nil	1724 Km commissioned
Expenditure including land	Rs. 10,357 crore (FY 2013-14)	Rs. 97,957 crore (upto Decmeber 2022)

(d) &(e): Yes, Sir. Dedicated Freight Corridors will promote industrial activities and development of new industrial hubs and townships. National Industrial Corridor Corporation (NICDC) under Ministry of Commerce is implementing number of projects along the corridor for development of Integrated Industrial Townships. The logistic sector will benefit with development of New Freight terminals, Multimodal Logistic parks and Inland Container Depots creating direct and indirect employment in the project-influence areas.

(f): Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Howrah are already linked through the existing Indian Railway Network. The connectivity of Delhi, Mumbai and Howrah area will be further strengthened with commissioning of DFC project.
