Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the progress and status of the work on all Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs);

(b) whether the Government agrees with the view that effective use of DFCs will help reduce logistics costs and accelerate the development of new industrial hubs;

(c) if so, the details of the steps that are proposed to be taken by the Government to establish a network of DFCs keeping in mind that the DFCs are not only an alternative to roads and the Indian Railways, but also complement the existing modes of freight transport;

(d) the present status and the details of expenditure incurred since 2014 along with the comparative statement of 2014 and 2023; and

(e) the benefits that are likely to accrue to the whole logistics sector and Railways on account of the same?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e): Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) 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 Km). Construction of EDFC has been fully completed and 1176 KM out of 1506 KM of WDFC has been completed.

The construction of Dedicated Freight Corridors will reduce the logistic cost, leading to development of new industrial hubs and Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals.

The comparative statement showing expenditure incurred and commissioning of DFCs in 2014 and in 2023 is as under:-

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<th>Year</th>
<th>Cumulative Expenditure (₹ In Cr)</th>
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<td>2014(March,2014)</td>
<td>10,357</td>
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