

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2931
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

SEPARATE RAILWAY LINES FOR GOODS TRAINS

2931. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY:

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. 2931 BY SHRI VIJAY KUMAR DUBEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING SEPARATE RAILWAY LINES FOR GOODS TRAINS

(a) to (c) 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 Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 km). The construction of EDFC has been completed. Out of total 1506 kms of WDFC, construction of 1176 kms has been completed. This will facilitate segregation of freight and passenger services in these sections.

Also, a high speed rail project between Mumbai – Ahmedabad has been undertaken with technical collaboration and financial assistance from the Government of Japan. This project is dedicated to passenger train services.

(d) & (e): A project namely “Joint Parcel Product” (JPP) has been launched by Indian Railways in collaboration with India Post with focus on MSME market. Under the ‘JPP’, India Post provides the 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. After the pilot project, time-tabled JPP trains (in full rakes) were introduced w.e.f. 15.02.2023 on 13 identified routes. Upto 30.11.2023, total 248 JPP services have been run.
