

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.304  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

**DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR**

**304. SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:**

**SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:**

**DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:**

**SHRI VINOD KUMAR SONKAR:**

**SHRI BHOLA SINGH:**

**SHRI NISITH PRAMANIK:**

**DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has recently dedicated few sections of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) to the nation;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of earnings from freight including loading during the last three years;**
- (d) whether the Railways has provided any incentive to Kisan Rail Freight transportation; if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has taken any initiatives to attract more freight business and increase income from it and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The following two (2) sections of DFC have been commissioned and dedicated to the nation by Hon'ble Prime Minister of India:-**

- (i) Bhaupur to Khurja (351 km) of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) on 29.01.2020.**

**(ii) Rewari to Madar (306 km) of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) on 07.01.2021.**

**(c): Details of freight and freight revenue for the last three years are as under:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>Freight (in Million Tonnes)</b>	<b>Freight Revenue (in Crores)</b>
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>1159.55</b>	<b>₹1,17,055.40</b>
<b>2018-19</b>	<b>1221.48</b>	<b>₹1,27,432.72</b>
<b>2019-20</b>	<b>1208.41</b>	<b>₹1,13,487.89</b>

**(d): 50% subsidy is being given in transportation of fruits and vegetable by Kisan Rail through a scheme administered by Ministry of Food Processing Industries.**

**(e) & (f): In order to attract more freight business, Railways have taken a number of tariff and non-tariff measures. These, include:-**

- (i) Setting up of Business development units to inter alia actively pursue and attract freight business for rail.**
- (ii) Withdrawal of 15% Busy season surcharge on railway freight for all commodities except iron ore and coal.**
- (iii) Concession on long lead traffic of 15 to 20% on Coal, Iron-ore and iron & steel.**
- (iv) Concession on short lead traffic of 10 to 50% for commodities (except Coal and iron-ore)**
- (v) 5% discount on loaded Containers & 25% on empty Containers and waiver of stabling charges on Container rakes during COVID till 31<sup>st</sup> Oct, 2020.**
- (vi) Specific discounts on commodities such as fly ash.**
- (vii) Rationalisation of classification of industrial salt.**
- (viii) Making existing schemes like traditional empty flow directions, wagon investment schemes, PFT, Siding Policy simplified and made more customer friendly.**
- (ix) Debit/Credit scheme for Demurrage introduced for sidings.**
- (x) Launching of Freight Business Development Portal.**