

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 421
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

WESTERN DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR

421. DR. (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJBHAI SOLANKI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of construction of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor with State-wise details in this regard;**
- (b) whether any deadline has been set to complete this dedicated freight corridor;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether there will be significant reduction in freight costs due to this project;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the details of facilities to handle cargo produced in Gujarat like on-loading and offloading as part of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a): All the contracts for execution of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) have been awarded and works in different sections are in different stages of progress. The overall physical progress of WDFC is 62%. State- wise status of progress is as under:

States	Kms	Approx % of physical progress
Uttar Pradesh	18	54%
Haryana	177	68%
Rajasthan	567	96%
Gujarat	565	51%
Maharashtra	177	29%

(b) & (c): Yes, Sir. The WDFC has been planned to be completed in phases and the entire WDFC is targeted to be completed by June 2022.

(d) & (e): Dedicated Freight Corridors are expected to have better operational and manpower efficiency as compared to existing set up of Indian Railways, due to modern technology, lesser manpower, faster speed and latest communication system, leading to reduced cost of carrying freight.

(f): The details of upcoming facilities to handle cargo produced in Gujarat like loading and unloading as part of the WDFC are as under:-

(i) Loading/unloading facilities depending on the market/trade demand at following stations:

New Amirgarh, New Palanpur Jn, New Chadotar Jn, New Umardashi, New Mehsana Jn, New Ghumasan, New Sanand North Jn, New Sanand South Jn, New Timba, New Changa, New Vasad, New Makarpura Jn, New Varediya, New Sanjali Jn, New Gothangam, New Udhna Jn, New Ancheli and New Pardi.

(ii) Connectivity of Container Corporation of India Limited (CONCOR) Freight Terminal at Varnama (Vadodara district, Gujarat) with New Makarpura Station of WDFC and NAVKAR Freight Terminal at Tumb (Valsad district, Gujarat) with New Gholvad Station of WDFC.

(iii) A Multi-modal Logistic Park of National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation (NICDC) at New Sanand station of WDFC in Ahmedabad district of Gujarat.