

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4691
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.03.2021**

SALIENT FEATURES OF DFCs

4691. SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the main objective and salient features of Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) along with its present status;**
- (b) the details of the States and districts covered through DFCs in the country, particularly West-Bengal;**
- (c) whether DFCs are designed to benefit business generation and create job opportunities in different parts of the country; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4691 BY SHRI SHANTANU THAKUR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.03.2021 REGARDING SALIENT FEATURES OF DFCs

(a): Ministry of Railways is executing the work of construction of two dedicated freight corridors namely Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors (EDFC & WDFC) to augment the rail transport capacity along above routes to meet the growing need of the economy and facilitate faster evacuation of freight traffic. The salient features of DFC are as under:

- **Maximum permissible Speed - 100Kmph**
- **Long haul and Higher Trailing load - upto 13000 tonnes per train**
- **Double stack trains on WDFC**
- **Efficient handling and value added services at freight terminals of DFC.**
- **Enhanced axle load of 25 tonnes**
- **Higher maximum moving dimension of Wagons**
- **Automatic Signalling with Mobile Train Radio communication**
- **Overall enhanced throughput**

Out of 2843 km of DFC (1337 km Ludhiana to Sonnagar of EDFC & 1506 km JNPT to Dadri of WDFC), 657 km has already been commissioned.

(b): The Eastern and Western DFC covers the following States and Districts:

	State	Districts
Eastern DFC	Punjab	Ambala, Patiala, Fatehgarh Sahib, Ludhiana
	Haryana	Yamunanagar,
	Uttar Pradesh	Chandauli, Mirzapur, Prayagraj, Kaushambi, Fatehpur, Kanpur Nagar, Kanpur Dehat, Auraiya, Etawah, Firozabad, Hathras, Aligarh, Bulandshahr, Hapur Gautam Budh Nagar, Ghaziabad, Merut, Muzaffarnagar, Saharanpur,
	Bihar	Gaya, Aurangabad, Rohtas, Kaimur (Bhabhua),
	Jharkhand	Dhanbad, Giridih, Koderma,
	West Bengal	Hoogly, Purba Bardhman, Paschim Bardhman

Western DFC	Uttar Pradesh	Gautam Budh Nagar
	Haryana	Faridabad, Palwal, Nuh, Rewari, Mahendragarh,
	Rajasthan	Sikar, Jaipur, Ajmer, Pali, Sirohi, ,
	Gujarat	Banaskantha, Mehsana, Ahemdabad, Anand, Vadodara, Bharuch, Surat
	Maharashtra	Navsari, Valsad, Palghar, Thane, Raigad

(c) & (d): Dedicated Freight Corridors will offer higher transport output with faster transit of freight trains. Running of planned double stack container trains and heavy haul will also add to the carrying capacity. The unit cost of freight transport will substantially be reduced and there will be significant savings in the Logistics cost as well. This would improve the supply chain for the industries/logistics players etc. in DFC's catchment areas leading to additional freight volumes and growth of EXIM traffic as well.

The above advantages of DFC will promote Industrial activities in the region by leveraging the Industrial corridors/townships being implemented along the DFC route. Development of New Freight terminals, Multimodal Logistics parks and Inland Container Depots along both Eastern and Western DFC are in different stages of implementation

The above measures are likely to create direct and indirect employment in the project-influence areas.
