

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO. 60

TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS

***60. DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:**

DR. HEENA GAVIT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects (DFC);**
- (b) the details of funds allocated, sanctioned and disbursed in the past five years and the current year for the purpose, State/Union Territory-wise;**
- (c) whether cost has increased due to the slow pace of work related to these projects and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the acquisition of land between such corridors along with the details of land acquired and compensation and rehabilitation processes undertaken; and**
- (e) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?**

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
STARRED QUESTION NO. 60 BY DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE AND
DR. HEENA GAVIT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2021
REGARDING DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS.**

(a) and (b): Presently, Ministry of Railways is implementing two Dedicated Freight Corridors namely, Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor from Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (1506 km.). Sonnagar-Dankuni (538 km) is being planned on PPP mode. Currently, 1110 km out of 2843 km of DFC has been completed. Government of India had approved the initial estimated cost of ₹ 28,181 Crore for this project in February, 2008. Subsequently, the cost estimate was revised to ₹ 81, 459 Crore in June, 2015 which has been approved by the Government. This revision was necessitated primarily due to increase in land cost, escalation of costs during construction, increase in scope and specification and soft costs such as Interest during Construction and taxes. The progress of implementation of DFC project before 2014 was very slow due to land acquisition related delays. The pace of work has improved tremendously after 2014. As against the total capex of ₹ 6,120 Crore between 2009-2014, capex was worth ₹ 56,619 Crore during 2014-2021.

Details of year-wise funds allocation, funds received and funds disbursed by DFCCIL, during the last five years are as under:

(₹. Crore)

Year	Funds Allocation	Funds Received	Funds Disbursed
2016-17	11201	10859	9915
2017-18	13760	3389	6703
2018-19	8740	8707	10534
2019-20	12278	11245	12658
2020-21	11760	14233	13366

****Sanction of funds to DFC projects is made in consolidation depending contract-wise or package-wise estimates submitted by DFCCIL and not state-wise.***

(c): The progress of project suffered serious setbacks due to several factors including huge delays in land acquisition, delays in environment/forest clearances from State Governments, court cases, law and order problems and adverse impact of covid-19 pandemic/lock downs and contract related issues. These delays alongwith price escalation of land and increase in scope have resulted in overall cost escalation.

(d): The details of Land Acquisition for DFC project are as under:

Section	Total Length (Kms)	Total scope (Ha)	Acquired land (Ha)	Award Disbursed (₹. crore)
Eastern DFC (including Sonnagar-Dankuni)	1875	5827	5696	7826
Western DFC	1506	6000	6000	6206
Total	3381	11827	11696	14032

Rehabilitation and Resettlement benefits have been extended in case of eligible Project Affected Persons (PAPs) in terms of the entitlement matrix under the provisions of Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act, 2013 (RFCTLARR-Act 2013).

(e): Several proactive measures have been taken to fast track the project in last 07 years such as increase in fund allocation, closer monitoring, resolution of contractual issues, resolving land acquisition issues and State Government related issues etc., besides other measures to improve the cash flows/liquidity.
