

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3403
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

RAILWAY FREIGHT CORRIDOR

3403. SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI:

SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV:

SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of railway freight corridors;**
- (b) the amount spent on each railway freight corridor;**
- (c) whether the construction of both freight corridors are being much delayed; and**
- (d) if so, the reasons for the same and the additional amount likely to be spent in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(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. 3403 BY SHRI SATYADEV PACHAURI, SHRI DINESH CHANDRA YADAV AND SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH ALIAS LALAN SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 23.03.2022 REGARDING RAILWAY FREIGHT CORRIDOR.

(a) and (b): Presently, Ministry of Railways is implementing two Dedicated Freight Corridors namely, Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) 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 Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) has been completed. The Capital Expenditure (CAPEX) incurred in these Corridors till date is as under:-

(₹ in crores)

DFCs	CAPEX (Excluding Land)	For Land	CAPEX (With Land)
EDFC	27,559	9,066	36,625
WDFC	39,063	9,252	48,315
Total	66,622	18,318	84,940

(c) and (d): The progress of these projects 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. However, several proactive measures have been taken to fast track the project such as hike in fund allocation, close monitoring, resolution of contractual issues, resolving land acquisition issues and State Government related matters etc., besides other steps. The additional amount likely to be spent in these Projects due to delays can be ascertained properly only after full completion of the project.
