

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4595
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.03.2022**

COAL EVACUATION RAILWAY PROJECTS

**4595. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:
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SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:
SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBAJIRAO MANE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to strengthen Indian Railways infrastructure by commissioning 14 critical coal evacuation railway projects for quick transportation to reduce transportation cost of domestic coal;**
- (b) if so, the names of the projects selected for the said purpose;**
- (c) the present progress and status of these projects;**
- (d) whether the Railways is also considering to develop/construct a dedicated freight corridor to supply coal to power generation plants across the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Railways has identified such corridors and has studied its feasibility and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the extent to which such corridors are likely to help in reducing the transportation cost and pressure on national transporter?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4595 BY SHRI MANOJ TIWARI, SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA, SHRI RAVI KISHAN, SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK, SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK, SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO, SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE AND SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.03.2022 REGARDING COAL EVACUATION RAILWAY PROJECTS

(a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Details of these projects are as under:

S.No	Project Name	Length (km)	Present Status
1	Third Line from Tori to Shivpur	44.37	Under execution
2	Doubling of Jharsuguda-Barpali-Sardega Rail Link at Ib Valley Coalfield of MCL	50.3	Under execution
3	Rail connectivity of Lingaraj SILO with existing Deulbera Siding at Talcher Coalfield of MCL	4.8	Completed
4	Railway line from Bhadrachalam to Sattupalli	54.1	Under execution
5	Railway line from Shivpur to Kathotia	49.09	Under execution
6	Doubling of East Corridor (Phase-I) Kharasia - Korichapar- Dharamjaigarh	148	Under execution
7	Doubling of East-West Rail Corridor (Gevra Road-Pendra Road)	135	Under execution
8	Angul-Balram Rail Link as part of Inner Corridor through Mahanadi Coal Railway Limited (MCRL)	14.22	Under execution
9	Doubling of Rail line from Shaktinagar to Karaila Road	45	Under execution
10	Doubling of Singrauli to Mahadiya and Mahadiya to Katni Section	260	Under execution
11	Third line from Patratu - Tori - Son Nagar in Barkakana-Barwadih-Garhwa Road section	291	Under execution
12	Fourth line from Jharsuguda to Bilaspur	206	Under execution
13	Doubling of DFC-Dadri to Son Nagar & extension upto Koderma	1100 (appx.)	Under execution
14	Third and fourth lines from Talcher to Budhapank and Third line from Budhapank to Rajathgarh	72	Under execution

(d) to (f) Presently, Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) viz. Eastern Corridor from Ludhiana to Son Nagar (1337 Km) and the Western Corridor from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km). Currently, 1110 km out of 2843 km of DFC has been completed. The Eastern DFC will mainly cater to Coal, Minerals, Cement, Finished steel and other bulk commodities. Eastern DFC will facilitate faster evacuation of coal from the eastern part of the country for the Thermal Powerhouses located in northern hinterland. Ministry of Railways has also sanctioned for the survey and preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for new Dedicated Freight Corridors on the following routes and the outcome of DPRs would be the primary basis for considering for these new DFC corridors:

(i) East-Coast Corridor (Kharagpur to Vijayawada: 1115 Km)

(ii) East-West corridor: (Palghar - Bhusawal - Nagpur - Kharagpur-Dankuni: 2163 Km and Rajkharsawan - Kalipahari - Andal: 195 Km)

(iii) North-South Sub-corridor (Vijayawada - Nagpur - Itarsi: 975 Km)

Construction of DFCs is a long-term strategic plan of Railways aimed at augmentation of rail transport capacity at a massive scale. Commissioning of DFC projects, will also pave way for segregation of freight and passenger services and resulting in decongestion of some of important trunk routes of Indian Railways.
