GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5616 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022

NORTH-SOUTH FREIGHT SUB-CORRIDOR

5616. SHRI P. V. MIDHUN REDDY:
SHRI MAGUNTA SREENIVASULU REDDY:
SHRI BALASHOWRY VALLABHANENI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has sanctioned the construction of East-Coast Dedicated Freight Corridor from Kharagpur to Vijayawada and also North-South Sub-Corridor between Vijayawada-Nagpur-Itarsi and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the funds allocated and utilised for the North-South Freight Sub-Corridor;
- (c) the details of the works that have been completed for the said Corridor;
- (d) whether the DPR and survey work for the Corridor has been completed and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether there has been any delay in the work of the said corridor due to Covid-19 pandemic and if so, the details thereof;
- (f) whether the Government is planning to further extend the corridor and if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) whether the said corridor is likely to be completed in the stipulated timeframe and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (g): Presently, Government has sanctioned two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Dankuni (1875 Km) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Kms.) and both Corridors are under implementation.

Further, Ministry of Railways has also decided to undertake preparation of Survey/Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the new DFCs on the following potential routes:-

- (i) East-Coast Corridor From Kharagpur to Vijayawada
- (ii) East-West corridor:
 - (a) From Palghar to Dankuni
 - (b) From Rajkharsawan to Andal
- (iii) North-South Sub-corridor From Vijayawada to Itarsi

The decision regarding approval/sanctioning of the new DFC will depend on the outcome of the Report.
