

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5649
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.04.2022**

NEW DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS

5649. SHRI K. NAVASKANI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken note that the planned execution of new Dedicated Freight Corridors and High Speed Passenger Corridors in the second half of the decade would require sustained financing; and

(b) if so, the steps that have been taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(a) and (b): To keep the pace of economic growth of the Country, it is necessary to augment/transform the existing rail transport capacity of the country by upgrading and augmenting the existing infrastructure. These projects are new age transport solutions, which meet the aspirations of the people and facilitate faster mobility. Implementation of Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) and High Speed Rail (HSR) corridors are highly capital intensive and advanced technological projects requiring huge capital investments.

Government has decided to undertake survey/preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the DFCs on the following potential routes including exploring options for financing:-

(i) East-Coast Corridor - From Kharagpur to Vijayawada

(ii) East-West corridor:

(i) From Palghar to Dankuni;

(ii) From Rajkharsawan to Andal

(iii) North-South Sub-corridor - From Vijayawada to Itarsi

In addition, the Government has also decided to undertake Survey/DPRs for HSR corridors on the following potential routes including exploring options for financing:-

- (i) Delhi-Varanasi**
- (ii) Delhi-Ahmedabad**
- (iii) Mumbai-Nagpur**
- (iv) Mumbai-Hyderabad**
- (v) Chennai-Bangalore-Mysore**
- (vi) Delhi-Chandigarh-Amritsar**
- (vii) Varanasi-Howrah**

However, sanctioning of any new DFC/HSR Project depends on many factors including techno-economic feasibility, resource availability and financing options.
