

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3739
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**INTEGRATION OF JALANDHAR AND AMRITSAR INTO EASTERN
DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR**

3739. SHRI GURMEET SINGH MEET HAYER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning the integration of vital industrial cities Jalandhar and Amritsar into the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor, which currently terminates at Ludhiana; and

(b) if so, the details thereof including the timeline projected for completion of this project and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km). Out of total 2843 Km, 2741 Route Kilometers (96.4%) has been commissioned and operational, which carried 83,343 freight trains during F.Y. 2024-25 (April to November).

EDFC is fully commissioned and operational, which carried 46,800 freight trains during FY 2024-25 (April to November). EDFC is well connected for both passenger & freight movements with industrial areas of Jalandhar and Amritsar through Indian Railway (IR) network.

The decision regarding sanctioning of any Dedicated Freight Corridor depends on many factors including traffic volume, techno-economic feasibility and financial viability.
