

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4201
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS IN NER

4201. SHRI GAURAV GOGOI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the current status of any proposed or planned Dedicated Freight Corridors(DFCs) in the North-Eastern Region (NER) along with their expected completion timelines;

(b) whether the Government has conducted any feasibility studies for constructing DFCs in NER and if so, the key findings thereof;

(c) the financial allocation for freight corridor development in NER under the railway infrastructure budget for FY 2025 and the future funding plans;

(d) whether the Government has conducted any Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) for the proposed DFCs in NER; and

(e) if so, the key findings regarding deforestation, biodiversity impact and the mitigation measures planned by the Government?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (e): 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. The work in balance section has been taken up.

Ministry of Railways has undertaken the work of preparation of Detailed Project Reports (DPR) for following three (03) new Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs).

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

DPRs of above three corridors are under examination.

None of the above three DFCs have been sanctioned yet. The DFC Projects are highly capital intensive and the final decision regarding the sanction of any DFC Project depends upon many factors such as technical feasibility, financial & economic viability, traffic demand and availability of funds & financial options etc.

Further to improve connectivity in North Eastern Region, now 18 Railway projects (13 New Line and 05 Doubling), of total length of 1,368 km costing ₹74,972 crore falling fully/partly in the North East Region, are at various stages of planning and implementation, out of which 313 km length has been commissioned and an expenditure of ₹40,549 crore has been incurred upto March 2024. These include:-

Plan Head	No. of projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned (in Km)	Exp. upto March 2024 (₹ in Cr.)
New Lines	13	896	81	34,616
Doubling	5	472	232	5,933
Total	18	1368	313	40,549

Commissioning of infrastructure projects falling fully/partly in the North East Region, is given below:-

Period	New Track Commissioned	Average Commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	333 Km	66.6 Km/year
2014-24	1728 Km	172.8 Km/year (Nearly 3 times)

Average Budget allocation for Infrastructure projects and other works, falling fully/ partly in North East Region, is as under:-

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹2,122 Crore/year
2025-26	₹10,440 (Nearly 5 times)
