

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3284
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2015**

HIGH SPEED PROJECT

3284. SHRI P.P. CHAUDHARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of the high speed freight corridors projects and the carrying capacity of the projects and the investment requirements for such corridors;**
- (b) whether goods carried by such corridors would have a freight cost higher than existing freight trains; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): (1) Two Dedicated Freight Corridors(DFC) projects on the Western and Eastern routes have been sanctioned and are under implementation at a cost of ₹ 81,459 crore (excluding cost of Sonnagar-Dankuni Section of Eastern DFC).

The present status of project implementation is: (i) Compensation Award of 85% of land has been completed, (ii) 65% of civil contract and 48% of system contract have been awarded, (iii) The physical progress of civil work is 20%.

(2) The freight carrying capacity of the two corridors would be over 500 billion NTKM per year.

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(b): The unit cost of freight transport on the two corridors will be lesser than that of Indian Railways.

(c): Does not arise.
