

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1613
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.05.2016**

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR

1613. SHRI LADU KISHORE SWAIN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal for a backward and forward linkage for the industrial hinter lands of Dhamra, Gopalpur and Paradeep port with Northern and Central hinterlands through a dedicated freight corridor between Vishakhapatnam and Kolkata through Odisha;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) if not, whether the Government would consider this proposal in the near future and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) & (b): In Rail Budget 2016-17, the East Coast freight corridor (Kharagpur –Vijayawada) to serve the ports on the east-coast including Dhamra, Gopalpur and Paradeep as well as the Mineral and industrial regions of the state of Odisha and facilitate seamless movement towards northern and central hinterlands of the country through the feeder routes has been announced. Preliminary Engineering cum Traffic Survey study for the corridor has been completed.

(c): Does not arise.
