

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 350  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.08.2016**

**CONNECTIVITY TO PORTS THROUGH DFCS**

**\*350.DR. P. VENUGOPAL:**

**SHRI CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the status of rail connectivity with sea ports and major cities on the coastal areas;**
- (b) whether the Railways has any proposal to connect all the sea ports with the national highways through the Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFCs) to ensure speedy transport of goods; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)**

**(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 350 BY DR. P. VENUGOPAL AND SHRI  
CHANDRA PRAKASH JOSHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON  
10.08.2016 REGARDING CONNECTIVITY TO PORTS THROUGH DFCS**

**(a): All the 12 major Ports - 6 each on the Eastern and Western Coast  
and major coastal cities, have rail connectivity.**

**(b) & (c): There is no proposal of Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC)  
Project for connecting Ports with national Highways.**

**However, there is a plan to connect existing ports on the DFC Project  
i.e. Western DFC and Eastern DFC either directly or through feeder  
routes. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) is to be directly  
connected with Western DFC. Mumbai Port, Kandla Port, Mundra Port  
and Pipavav Port are to be connected with Western DFC through  
feeder routes. Other new ports like Hazira and Dighi will also be  
connected through feeder routes to the Western Dedicated Freight  
Corridor. Kolkata Port and Haldia ports will be connected with Eastern  
DFC through feeder routes.**

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