

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2903
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.08.2026**

DEVELOPMENT OF DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS

2903. SHRI ANURAG SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has reviewed the progress of the Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) projects and if so, the details of the Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors completed and operational, along with the status of other proposed corridors;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated, released and utilised for DFC projects during the last three years, along with the physical progress achieved, year-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has assessed the impact of the DFCs on freight movement, logistics costs, decongestion of passenger rail routes and industrial development and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to expedite the remaining works and expand the DFC network to support multimodal logistics, economic growth and enhanced freight capacity across the country?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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(a) to (d) :Ministry of Railways had taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) (1506 Km) at a total cost of ₹1,24,005 Cr.. Both the DFCs i.e. Eastern DFC (1337 Km) and Western DFC (1506 Km) have been completed and commissioned.

The comparative statement showing completion of DFCs is as under:-

Period	Completed (Route Kms)
upto 2014	Nil
2014 to 2026 (Till March 2026)	2843

On average, about 443 trains are operated per day on DFCs. During FY 2025-26, total 1,47,993 freight trains were operated on DFC network. The Dedicated Freight Corridors have demonstrated robust operational performance. Freight volumes have steadily increased, with higher average speeds, faster turnarounds, and enhanced reliability. DFC has contributed to creating additional paths on the conventional network by diverting freight traffic to EDFC and WDFC. As a result, Railways have been able to run additional goods and coaching services over its network.

The Dedicated Freight Corridor project is expected to strengthen the competitiveness of rail transport by enabling cost-effective, efficient and sustainable freight movement across the country. It is envisaged to facilitate a gradual modal shift of long-haul bulk commodities, container traffic and industrial freight from road to rail, thereby reducing overall logistics costs, improving supply chain efficiency and supporting economic growth.

To increase the freight handling capacity in Indian Railways, 'Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT)' policy has been launched. Location of the GCTs is decided on the basis of demand from industry, potential of Cargo traffic, availability of railway infrastructure and overall logistics potential of the area.

So far, 142 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals (GCTs) (including 7 on DFCCIL corridors) have been commissioned. In addition, In-Principle Approvals

(IPAs) have been granted for the development of GCTs at 310 more locations. The 142 commissioned GCTs have an estimated freight handling capacity of 224 million tonnes per annum (MTPA). The policy has mobilized private investment of approximately ₹10,000 crore through these GCTs. Freight handled at these GCTs during 2025-26 is 146 MT.

A new Dedicated Freight Corridor connecting Dankuni in East to Surat in West has been announced in the Union Budget 2026. The work of preparation/ updation of Detailed Project Report (DPR) for this corridor has been taken up. The total cost of the project, funding mechanism, timelines etc. can be ascertained once DPR is finalized.

To fast track the project, the project has already been declared as “Special Railway Project”. Nomination of Competent Authority for Land Acquisition (CALAs) for 30 districts, out of a total 34 districts has been done by the respective State Government, and Dedicated teams have been deployed by DFCCIL at 07 locations (Surat, Jalgaon, Nagpur, Raipur, Jharsuguda, Tata Nagar & Kolkata) for coordination with State Government.
