

Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd.

1814. SHRI A. ELAVARASAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd.;
- (b) whether it is a fact that five years after the project was announced, the Rail Network India's ambitious efforts to connect its business commercial centres with dedicated rail network remains on paper only;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether new estimate of 57,667 crore is around Rs. 30,000 crore more than earlier estimate;
- (e) whether Government is negotiating with international financial agencies for funding this project; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited, a wholly owned Public Sector Undertaking of Ministry of Railways was formed in October 30, 2006 and is currently implementing the Western and Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. Progress has been made in preparatory & feasibility studies and Final Location Survey on both the Corridors and physical construction work on part of both the Corridors has also commenced.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Funding of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust, near Mumbai to Dadri, near Delhi has been sought from Government of Japan through their Special Terms for Economic Partnership (STEP) Scheme. Funding for part of Eastern Corridor is under discussion with World Bank.

Employment to the dependent of Mumbai rail blasts

1815. SHRI VARINDER SINGH BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of dependents of the victims of sub-urban rail blasts in Mumbai on 11th July, 2006, who have so far been given employment by Railways;
- (b) the number of such dependents whose cases for employment have not so far been finalised with the reasons for delay; and
- (c) by when all the cases are likely to be cleared?