

(a) whether people of Jammu and Kashmir have demanded for conducting surveys for constructing railway line in areas like Kupwara, Uri, Rajouri, Poonch and Doda; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARAT SINH SOLANKI):

(a) and (b) The following surveys have been taken up in the state of Jammu and Kashmir:

Sl.No.	Name of survey	Cost (Rs. in crore)	Rate of Return	Status
1.	Jammu-Poonch (via Rajauri) new line -223 Km.	136.13	(-) 4.61%	Ministry of Defence and Ministry of Finance have been requested to provide funds for the project.
2.	Baramulla-Kupwara new line-38.80 Km.	628.29	(-) 7.48%	Survey report under examination in the Ministry.
3.	Katra-Bhadarwah, Doda-Kishtwar new line	-	-	Survey in progress.

Eastern and Western dedicated freight corridors

2146. SHRI R.C. SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways had undertaken establishing of Eastern and Western dedicated freight corridors;

(b) if so, the details and present status thereof;

(c) whether enormous delay in executing these projects has caused a severe cost escalation;

(d) if so, the details thereof with a comparative study of original cost and present cost;

(e) whether Railways could determine the funding of the escalated costs;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the likely time-frame by which and projects would be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Project comprising Eastern Corridor (Dankuni-Ludhiana) and the Western Corridor (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal to Tughlakabad/Dadri) has been sanctioned by the Government. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), a Special Purpose Vehicle, has been formed as a Public Sector Undertaking of the Ministry of Railways to implement this Project. Civil construction contracts for 105 Kilometers in Eastern DFC and for 54 major and important bridges on Western DFC have been awarded. Funding for Phase-I (Rewari-Vadodara) of Western DFC has been tied up with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA). On Eastern DFC a loan of US \$ 975 million has been sanctioned by World Bank for construction of Eastern DFC between Bhaupur near Kanpur to Khurja.

(c) No, Sir. The target for commissioning the project is 2016-17.

(d) to (f) Do not arise.

(g) The project is targeted to be completed in 2016-17.

Installing of T.V. Screens in Shatabdi trains

2147. SHRI T.M. SELVAGANAPATHI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are considering to install T.V. screen in all Shatabdi trains originating from Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the Railways would consider installing T.V. screens in all long journey trains in future to remain competitive; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI):

(a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A tender has been floated by Northern Railway for provision of on board TVs & Information dissemination system for a period of five years, on eight Shatabdi trains originating from New Delhi.

(c) and (d) Broad guidelines already exist for installation of on board audio/video information dissemination and entertainment system in trains through open tender.