

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Some representations have been received in this regard. The same have been examined but not found feasible for implementation, at present, due to operational constraints.

**Upgradation/beautification of railway stations in Goa**

306. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any of the railway stations in Goa are proposed to be upgraded or beautified;

(b) if so, the name of the stations;

(c) the name of the scheme under which the upgradation/beautification project is proposed to be undertaken; and

(d) by when the project is going to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Madgaon and Vasco-Da-Gama.

(c) and (d) Development/upgradation of stations is continuous process. Madgaon railway station has been developed under 'Model' station scheme. Further, the work of improvements/repairs to existing approach road to this station and circulating area has been completed recently. Vasco-da-gama station has already been developed under 'Adarsh', 'Model' and 'Modern' station schemes. In addition, a work of improvement to circulating area and other amenities has been sanctioned and planned for completion by November, 2013.

**Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor**

307. SHRI N.K. SINGH:

DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress made in the implementation of the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor;

(b) the total quantity of load expected to be carried through the freight corridor;

(c) whether there is a time-line set for the implementation of the freight corridor; and

(d) if so, whether the time-line would be adhered to?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) is 1839 kms. long and extends from Dankuni near Kolkata to Ludhiana in Punjab. Mughalsarai-Sonnagar Section (118 Kms) of Eastern DFC is being constructed through Indian Railways' resources and construction work is in progress. Ludhiana -Mughalsarai section (1183 km) of Eastern DFC is being implemented with World Bank loan. Loan Agreement for the first sector (Khurja-Kanpur, 343 km) is signed and tendering is in progress. Technical evaluation of civil construction bids is complete and financial offers are to be received in December, 2012. Construction work in Khurja - Kanpur sector will start after award of civil contract. Sonnagar-Dankuni section (534 km) of Eastern DFC is planned to be implemented through Public Private Partnership (PPP).

(b) As per Business Plan of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd. (DFCCIL), the total traffic on the Eastern DFC is estimated at 289,708 million Net Ton Kilometre (NTKM) in the year 2036-37.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Eastern DFC is targeted for commissioning in March, 2017. The project implementation schedule and timelines are being monitored regularly to ensure timely completion of work.

#### **Upgradation of railway stations**

308. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of the project 'upgradation of certain railway stations to world class' in the country; and

(b) the details of those stations that are proposed to be upgraded on the East Coast Railway system?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Consultancy works for preparation of Master Plan and Feasibility report had been taken up for Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus Mumbai,