

Particulars		Remarks	
New Rail Lines			
Ahmedabad-Dholera	Bhavnagar-Adhelai-Dholera-Vataman-Petlad	Survey has been taken up.	
Investment Region	Bhimnath-Dholera	Survey has been completed. In principle clearance has been given for Private Line Model.	
	Khambhat-Khambhat Port	Survey has been taken up.	
Other rail Infrastructure for Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC)			
Port	Spur Rail Connectivity for Ports	Name of Section	Remarks
Hazira	Surat-Hazira New Rail Link.	Surat Hazira	After the Participative Policy of December 2012, in principle clearance has been given for development of the link on Private Line Model.
Bedi Port	Bedi Port-Jamnagar Station	Jamnagar-Rajkot	Survey has been taken up.
Porbandar Port	Porbandar Port-Porbandar station	Porbandar-Jamnagar	Survey has been taken up.
Chhara Port	Chhara Port-Kodinar (extension of Veraval-Somnath BG line to Kodinar)	Veraval-Rajkot	In principle clearance has been given for development of line on Private Line Model.
Mahuva Port, Kachhigadh Port and Nargol Port Connectivity	Proposal for rail connectivity to Nargol Port under Private Line Model has been received.		

Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor project

†3106. SHRI VIJAY GOEL:

SHRI PRABHAT JHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor project is operational for laying separate parallel railway lines for Cargo transportation, if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether the project is likely to be completed on time, if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and by when this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) The 1839 Km. long Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) Project from Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni in West Bengal has been sanctioned and implementation taken up. This Corridor is being developed to augment the rail transport capacity to meet the growing requirement of movement of freight traffic on the route.

The Eastern DFC (excluding Sonnagar-Dankuni Section) is likely to be commissioned by 2019. Civil construction works of Khurja-Kanpur Section (343 km) of Eastern DFC have commenced and approximately 25% of work has been completed. Works on 122 km Mughalsarai-Sonnagar Section of Eastern DFC are also progressing well.

3861 Hectare of land out of 5550 Hectare required for the Project have been notified for land acquisition under Section 20 F of the Railway Amendment Act 2008.

(c) Does not arise.

CNG powered trains

3107. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plans to introduce CNG powered trains in Railways as green energy initiative, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it will be restricted to local trains like DEMU trains or will be extended to mail/express trains also, the details thereof and by when it will be introduced in superfast trains; and

(c) the comparison of cost with that of engines driven by diesel and electricity?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Railway has plans to convert Diesel Electric Multiple Units (DEMUs) and diesel locomotives to dual fuel mode (natural gas and diesel). Contracts for conversion of 50 Driving Power Cars (DPCs) of DEMUs to dual fuel mode have been awarded. Presently, four DPCs are running on dual fuel with CNG and more Driving Power Cars (DPCs) are under conversion.