

(b) if so, whether there are any plans of Government to start manufacturing of the metro coaches indigenously, if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Yes, Sir. The production/acquisition of the coaches by Indian Railways in the country during the last three years is as under:—

| Year | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Coaches | 3731 | 4126 | 4321 |

(b) Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai under Ministry of Railways is already manufacturing coaches for Kolkata Metro indigenously.

Commissioning of dedicated freight corridors

123. SHRI K. R. ARJUNAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Dedicated Freight Corridor project will start getting commissioned in parts by the end of this year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the segments that are in near completion, as on date;

(d) whether Railways have prioritized the segments of the Dedicated Freight Corridor project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) is targeted for commissioning in phases and the following sections are targeted during 2018-19:

(i) Eastern DFC (EDFC): Khurja-Kanpur.

(ii) Western DFC (WDFC): Ateli-Phulera.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Project phasing, corridor-wise, has been done as per the priority fixed by Railways as under:

(i) EDFC: Khurja-Kanpur (Phase-I), Kanpur-Mughalsarai (Phase-II), Khurja-Sanehwal and Khurja-Dadri (Phase- III).

(ii) WDFC: Rewari-Makarpura (Phase I), Makarpura-Jawahar Nehru Port Trust (JNPT) and Rewari-Dadri (Phase-II).