

- (b) whether the proposal has been sent to the Finance Ministry for its approval;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the present status of Eastern and Western Freight Corridors which were announced long back?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) No, Sir. At present, Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors are the only two sanctioned Freight corridors by the Government of India.

(d) Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) and Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) are targeted to be completed in phases by December, 2021. Financial and Physical Progress of the project is 64.5% and 68% respectively till October, 2019.

#### **Corporatization of production units**

2181. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a detailed study for corporatizing production units has been initiated, as per the 100-days Action Plan of the Ministry;
- (b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;
- (c) the status of the Indian Railway Rolling Stock Company (IRRSC), including the time-frame within which it would be formed;
- (d) whether the Ministry has engaged in consultations with Unions regarding the corporatization of production units; and
- (e) if so, the details and outcomes thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

- (b) The details and outcomes thereof are not finalized.
- (c) No time-line can be indicated for corporatization of Production Units at this stage, prior to finalization of the framework of corporatization.

(d) and (e) Consultations with stakeholders including Unions in this process have commenced and will continue. As part of these initiatives, Railway Board has interacted with both the Staff Federations on multiple occasions (*i.e.*, on 02.07.2019, 13.08.2019 &

09.10.2019) to sensitise them and apprise them about background & advantages of the policy.

**Use of renewable energy in railways**

2182. SHRIMATI VANDANA CHAVAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plans to use renewable energy to source the electricity needs of Railways to reduce carbon footprint;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the proposed targets for the same; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways has planned to source about 1000 Mega Watt (MW) Solar Power and about 200 MW of wind power progressively by 2021-22. 201 MW (98 MW solar and 103 MW wind power) has already been set up till 31.10.2019.

**Quantum of railway revenue from different sources**

2183. SHRI RAKESH SINHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passengers who travelled in trains in the years 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19;
- (b) the comparative contributions of revenue received from passengers in its various zones;
- (c) the revenue received from allocation of space for book stalls, tea stalls and other business activities; and
- (d) the number of passengers who failed to travel due to non-confirmation of their tickets in 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) The number of passenger traffic during the last three years is given below:

Year	No. of Passengers (In Crore)
2016-17	812
2017-18	829
2018-19	844