

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3497
ANSWERED ON 01.04.2022

STATUS OF FREIGHT CORRIDORS IN INDIA

3497 SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Freight Corridors being built in India;
- (b) the status of their progress in 2014 and in 2021; and
- (c) the benefit of Freight Corridors to the economy?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3497 BY SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 01.04.2022 REGARDING STATUS OF FREIGHT CORRIDORS IN INDIA

(a) & (b): Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Kms.). So far, 1110 km out of total sanctioned length of 2843 km of DFC has been completed.

The pace of work has improved tremendously after 2014. The Status and progress of DFC as on 1st March 2014 and as on 1st March 2021 were as under:

S.No.	Description	Achievement	
		Till 1 st March 2014	Till 1 st March 2021
1	Capital Expenditure (Rs. Cr)	10,357	74,788
2	Completion (Kms)	0	1110

(c) : Dedicated Freight Corridors will offer higher transport output and carrying capacity due to faster transit of freight trains, running of double stack container trains and heavy haul trains due to which the unit cost of freight transport will get reduced substantially and there will be savings in the Logistics costs. This would also improve the supply chain for the industries/logistics players located in DFC's catchment areas leading to growth of EXIM traffic as well.

The above advantages of DFC will promote Industrial activities in the region by leveraging the Industrial corridors/townships being implemented along the DFC route. Development of New Freight terminals, Multimodal Logistics parks and Inland Container Depots along both Eastern and Western DFC are in different stages of implementation.

The above measures are also likely to create direct and indirect employment in the project-influence areas.
