

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:139
ANSWERED ON:30.11.2006
FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have estimated total cost of building dedicated freight corridor projects;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have invited private players to Build, Operate and Transfer segments of the freight corridor projects;
- (d) if so, the details of such segments alongwith private companies selected for this purpose;
- (e) whether works on different segments of the projects have started;
- (f) if so, the progress made so far in this regard and the expected time of completion;
- (g) whether the Railways propose to constitute a separate company for freight corridor projects;
- (h) if so, the details thereof; and
- (i) the time by which it is likely to be constituted?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (i): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO

(i) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 139 BY S/SHRI RASHEED MASOOD AND JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30.11.2006 REGARDING FREIGHT CORRIDOR PROJECTS

(a) & (b): The Feasibility Study done by RITES, a public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Railways in January, 2006 for development of Dedicated Freight Corridor on Eastern and Western routes had estimated the cost of the project as Rs.22,000 Crore.

(c) & (d): The project will be executed by a mix of Engineering Procurement Contract and Public Private Partnership through bidding. No private players have been invited at this stage to Build, Operate and Transfer segments of the freight corridor projects.

(e) & (f): Work has not started on any of the segments of the project.

(g) to (i): A new Public Sector Undertaking named Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) has been incorporated under administrative control of Ministry of Railways on 30th October 2006 to implement Dedicated Freight Corridor Projects. The Company has been entrusted construction of Eastern and Western Corridor worth Rs.22,000 Crore.