

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SEPARATE TRACK FOR FREIGHT TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to set up a separate track for freight trains from Mumbai and Calcutta to New Delhi for rapid freight movement; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. Dedicated Railway Freight Corridor Project on Western and Eastern Routes were included in Rail Budget 2006-2007. The estimated cost of Western Corridor between Jawaharlal Nehru Port and Tughlakabad/Dadri is Rs.16,592 Crore. The estimated cost of Eastern Corridors between Ludhiana and Son Nagar is Rs.11,589 Crore. The Eastern Corridor will be extended to the proposed Deep Sea Port in Kolkata area considering the possibility of increase in freight traffic on account of this port. A new Public Sector Undertaking named Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited

(DFCCIL) has been formed to implement the projects.