

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Shareholders,

It is indeed a privilege for me to be associated with the most ambitious and mammoth project of the Ministry of Railways that has been described as a 'land mark project' which, will adorn the country like neckless, as described by Honble' Minister of Railways in her budget speech to the Lok Sabha. It is with great pleasure that I welcome you all to the Third Annual General Meeting of the Company. The report of the Board of Directors and audited annual accounts of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2009 together with the Auditor's Report have already been circulated to you, and with your permission, I take them as read.

With the pace of growth of railway transportation in the country, technological upgradation and innovative business and operational strategies, the railway system of India has emerged as one of the most vibrant rail networks in the whole world. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), a special purpose vehicle created to undertake planning & development, mobilization of financial resources, construction, maintenance and operation of Dedicated Freight lines covering about 3289 route kms on two Corridors— Eastern Corridor (1806 kms) from Ludhiana to Dankuni and Western Corridor (1483 kms) from Jawahar Lal Nehru Port Mumbai to Tughlakabad/Dadri along with interlinking of two corridors at Dadri will be another milestone for the Indian Railways as it envisages 'state of the art' Construction Technology, upgradation of transportation systems, increase in productivity and reduction in unit transportation cost.

I feel proud to state that due to the concerted efforts of the field units and coordination and guidance of the Corporate Office, the assurance given by the Hon'ble Minister for Railways in his Budget Speech for the year 2008-09 has been met with. Inauguration of the construction work of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor by Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Hon'ble Chairperson, United Progressive Alliance, in the august presence of Shri Lalu Prasad, Hon'ble Minister for Railways and other dignitaries was done on February 10, 2009 from Karwandiya to

Ganjkhwaja on Sonnagar-Mughalsarai section. The work has commenced on western corridor also thereby setting the ball rolling in the execution of the DFC project. Hon'ble Minister for Railways has appreciated the progress of the project and has directed it to be put on fast track.

Further, to apprise that the Corporation has achieved the targets as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding for the year 2008-2009 signed between Ministry of Railways and DFCCIL. The final location Survey and stacking of alignment have been completed for almost the entire section on the Eastern and Western DFCs between Sonnagar and Ludhiana and Rewari and JNPT respectively barring a few locations requiring refinement of alignment. Highest priority is being given to Land acquisition of over 11535 hectares spread over 2793 kms for both the Corridors, as it is very essential for the success of the project. On the Eastern DFC, it is spread over an area of about 4295 hectare and on the Western DFC, it is spread over 7240 hectares. Notifications for land acquisition under Section 20A of Indian Railways (Amendment) Act, 2008 have been published for more than 2300 kms spread over 9000 hectares in the States of Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Bihar and Maharashtra. Notification under Section 20E of Indian Railways (Amendment) Act, 2008, in terms of which the land now vests with Ministry of Railways, have been issued for 179 kms spread over about 476 hectares in the States of Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan. Out of this, 343 hectares falls on Eastern Corridor and 133 hectares comes under the jurisdiction of the Western Corridor.

DFCCIL enforces best practices towards the adoption of new technology and has conducted Brain Storming sessions on important issues like "Safety", "Methodology of Track Construction", "System Integration" and the "Road Map for IT". The DFCCIL website has been redesigned in tune with the time. A concept IT plan has been detailed for establishment of a content Management System to cater to various designs/drawings, alignment along with land maps, their geo reference and asset management around GIS. It would improve information availability and project monitoring by the management.


I am happy to inform you that as per the guidelines issued by Department of Public Enterprises on Corporate Governance for Central Public Sector Enterprises in June 2007,

DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED

A Report on Corporate Governance and Management Discussion and Analysis Report, forms the part of the Annual Report for the year ended 31st March 2009.

Our company is poised to grow and reach the pinnacle of the Railway infrastructure industry ladder by deploying talent from both within and outside the Railways to continually improve our business processes. I take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to all the stake holders, the officials of Ministry of Railways, the State Governments, the Zonal Railways, Bankers and Business associates for their cooperation and support to DFCCIL.

In the end, I would like to quote that all business operations can be reduced to three words: People, Product and Profits. With concerted efforts of the officers and staff under the able stewardship of the present management, DFCCIL is moving towards the attainment of its goals and objectives through a focused approach as it strongly believes in its motto “**Sincerity**”, “**Speed**” and “**Success**”.



(S.S. Khurana)
Chairman