

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

It is indeed a matter of great pride for me to be associated with the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL), a mega infrastructure project of the Ministry of Railways which will be a game changer in the freight logistics scenario of the country. Our mission is to build a corridor with technology that enables Indian Railways to regain its market share in freight transport by creating additional capacity and guaranteeing efficient, reliable, safe and cheaper options for movement of goods.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you all to the 11th Annual General Meeting of the Company. The Directors Report and Audited Financial Statements of the Company for the year ending 31st March 2017 together with the Auditors Report already circulated, are taken as read.



DFCCIL has witnessed appreciable progress over the years so as to effectively respond to the emerging needs of the freight transportation. During the year 2016-17, the Company has achieved following major milestones:-

- i. Capital expenditure of Rs.9915 Crores has been incurred as compared to CAPEX of Rs.8508 Crores in 2015-16, an increase of 16.54%.
- ii. All the contracts for Western Dedicated Freight Corridor have been finalized. Total Contracts worth Rs.11,643 Crores were awarded/signed during the year taking cumulative contract finalization to Rs.49,043 crores (94%). As a result, civil contracts for 2600 kms (92%), Electrical and S & T contracts for 2315 kms (82%) have been finalized and works are in progress.
- iii. Track linking is being carried out by 4 New Track Construction (NTC) Machines in both Eastern & Western Corridor. Cumulative linking of 577 km track has been completed upto 31.03.2017.
- iv. The progress of land acquisition as on 31.03.2017 was 96% (except Sonnagar-Dankuni section) and 91% on overall basis. Total compensation amounting to Rs.11357 Crores (WDFC- 5186 Crores, EDFC- 6171 Crores) has been awarded.
- v. DFCCIL was awarded the prestigious “Golden Peacock Award for sustainability” for the year 2016.
- vi. Efforts are being made to eliminate Level crossings by construction of Road Over Bridges (ROBs) and Road under Bridges (RUBs). Tenders for 27 ROBs in Western Dedicated Freight Corridor and 22 ROBs in Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor were finalized and works are in progress. Besides Tenders for 13 ROBs were finalized by State Governments in Western Corridor. Besides, as on 31.03.2017, 216 RUBs have been completed and work is in progress on 155 RUBs.
- vii. Constant persuasion with State Governments has resulted in consent to share cost of ROBs on 50:50 basis for 15 ROBs & 25 RUBs from 3 different states, leading to savings of Rs.550 Crores (approx.) to Ministry of Railways.

- viii. Loan Agreement for EDFC-3 amounting to 650 million US\$ was signed with World Bank on 21.10.2016. With this complete funding arrangements for EDFC & WDFC have been finalized.
- ix. Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India has awarded BEE 5 STAR rating to DFCCIL Corporate Building in Nov. 2016. DFCCIL Corporate Office Building is among very few organizations in the country to have BEE 5 STAR rating label with Air-conditioning area of more than 90%.

A report on “Corporate Governance” and “Management Discussion & Analysis Report” forms the part of the Annual Report. The Company is committed towards ensuring that business ethics and values are adhered to.

Corporate Social Responsibility is envisaged as a commitment to meet its social obligations by playing an active role to improve the quality of life of the communities and stakeholders on a sustainable basis. With a view to impart vocational training leading to employment/self-employment in and around project affected areas, project “Saksham” was initiated in association with Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) which has successfully imparted training to 1450 BPLs families and provided employment to over 70% BPLs.

I must place on record my sincere thanks to Ministry of Railways, Zonal Railways, other Ministries of the Government of India and State Governments, lending agencies, bankers and business associates, for their support to DFCCIL. I would also like to thank all other stakeholders of the company for their support.

This was a year of exceptional challenges and change for the Railway Industry. I am determined that the progress made in building these corridors will continue. We are focused to deliver our targets, on time and budget with the dedicated team of DFCCIL.

Place:- New Delhi
Date:- Sep 26, 2017

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(Ashwani Lohani)