

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge Takes Over as Minister for Railways



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Hon'ble Minister for Railways, Govt. of India

Shri Mallikarjun Kharge has taken over as the Union Minister of Railways here on 19th June, 2013. Prior to this, Shri Kharge was Union Minister of Labour and Employment. He is a Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) from Gulbarga constituency in Karnataka.

Shri Kharge is a law graduate from Government College, Gulbarga, Karnataka University and is an advocate, social worker and agriculturist. He has had a long political

career during which he has held several important portfolios. He was Member, Karnataka State Assembly for nine terms from 1972 to 2009. From 1979 he has served as Cabinet Minister, Government of Karnataka in various

departments in varying spells. He was Cabinet Minister Revenue, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (1990-92), Cabinet Minister, Co-operation, Medium and Large Industries (1979), Cabinet Minister Revenue (1980-1983), Cabinet Minister Revenue, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (1990-92), Cabinet Minister, Cooperation, Medium and Large Industries (1992-94), Leader, Congress Legislature Party and Leader of Opposition, Karnataka (1996-99), Cabinet Minister, Home, Infrastructure Development and Minor Irrigation (1999-2004), Cabinet Minister, Water Resources and Transport (2004-2006), President, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee (2005) and Leader of Congress Legislature Party and Leader of Opposition, Karnataka (2008-09). In the year 2009, Shri Kharge was elected to 15th Lok Sabha and from 31st May 2009 onwards he was Union Cabinet Minister of Labour & Employment.

His interests lie in social and welfare activities which included introduction of Policy of backlog vacancies for weaker section for the first time in the country, to fill up the posts of teachers, several reforms in the education department, implementation of Land Reforms Act, modernization of Police Department in Karnataka, expediting Bangalore International Airport Project, etc. As a widely travelled person, Shri Kharge has led various important committees.

Highlights of April - June 2013

General

- In its endeavour to meet the expectation of various stake holders, Quality Manual and SHE manual of DFCCIL were issued in the months of June 2013.
- A brain storming session was organised in June, 2013 for bringing in more improvement in the functioning and performance of the organisation through participative management principle. This was an encouraging exercise and shall be continued further.
- Written test, interviews and Medical examination of selected candidates for filling up 100 posts of Executives/AMs in Civil, Electrical, S&T, Finance and HR have been completed and offer letters have already been sent to the selected candidates for joining/training.
- Interview for 140 posts at AGM and below levels in Civil, Electrical and S&T have been completed, results declared.
- EGM of Board of share holders of DFCCIL was held on June 6, 2013. It was decided to increase the authorized capital of the company from INR 4,000 cr. to INR 8,000 cr.
- Two meetings of Board of Directors (BoD) of DFCCIL were held during the quarter i.e. on 29th April and 14th June, 2013 where in several important decisions were taken.
- CPM's conference was held on May 18, 2013 and June 28, 2013 in DFCCIL Corporate Office.

Progress of On-Going Work

New Karwandiya - Durgawati Section (66Kms)

- Earth work and all the 125 minor bridges completed. The major bridges would be completed by July. Track works and system works are in progress.

Construction of 54 Concrete Bridges between Vaitarna and Utran

Bridge construction is in progress on 45 bridges. Total 40455 m of piles

have so far been cast and work has been completed in 21 bridges. So far, total of 83 foundation footings, 132 pile caps and 136 piers have been cast. 45 abutments with abutment caps have been completed and another 23 are in progress. Casting yard work has been completed in 4 yards.

Eastern Corridor

- Contract for civil, structure & track works in Bhaupur-Khurja section of Eastern Corridor has been awarded and contract agreement was signed in March 2013. The contractor M/s. Aldesa - Tata JV has already started preliminary works on the site.
- World Bank implementation mission visited DFCC to review the progress of APL-1 with effect from May 27, 2013 to June 07, 2013 and expressed satisfaction.
- SPN (Specific Procurement Notice) for PQ of CST Contract for Bhaupur-Mughalsarai section and PQ document for CST works Bhaupur-Mughalsarai were issued on April 11, 2013. Pre-Submission conference was held on May 02, 2013 and submission of PQ, application is schedule on July 04, 2013.
- Evaluation of PQ applications for System work of Bhaupur-Khurja section by GC and DFCCIL evaluation committee has been completed and Evaluation Report sent for World Bank clearance on May 28, 2013.
- RFP for Engagement of PMC for Khurja-Bhaupur Section was issued to short-listed consultants on January 10, 2013. Technical Evaluation completed by the DFCCIL committees has been sent to World Bank for NOC on May 03, 2013
- RFP for Engagement of consultancy services for Heavy Haul programme development management consultant for institutional strengthening module of DFCCIL (HHPDISM) has been issued to short listed consultants on April 25, 2013, pre bid conference was held on May 15, 2013 and bid submission is schedule on July 15, 2013.

- World Bank clearance on technical evaluation of RFP for engagement of SESMRC consultant was received on May 15, 2013. Financial offers were opened on May 21, 2013 and financial evaluation completed. Contract agreement was negotiated with the successful consultant.
- RFP for QSAC Consultancy Services Bhaupur-Khurja was issued to shortlisted consultants and Pre-submission conference, was held on May 17, 2013. Replies to queries sent for World Bank's clearance on June 14, 2013.
- RFP for Sone Bridge (in Mughalsarai-Sonnagar Section) issued on April 23, 2013 and Pre-bid conference was held on May 14, 2013. The bids have been received on June 25, 2013 and are under evaluation.
- PQ evaluation of RFO and balance work between Dehri-on-Sone-Mughalsarai completed. Total 10 firms submitted the PQ application and 8 firms have qualified.

Western DFC

- The first major contract of Western Corridor for civil works for 640 km section for Rewari-Iqbalgarh section has been awarded to M/s Sojitz, L&T JV.
- The RFP for Project Management Consultancy (PMC) of WDFC Phase-I was issued to consultants on April 8, 2013. The bids have been received on June 28, 2013.
- The PQ applications for Civil and Track Package 12 & 13 for section between Sachin-Vadodra (134 Km.) and Vaitarna-Sachin (185 km) on WDFC Phase-2 are under evaluation for short-listing the bidders.
- Bids for Electrical & Mechanical works package, EMP-4 for entire WDFC

Phase-1 i.e. Rewari-Makarpura were invited on March 28, 2013 and bid submission is scheduled on August 27, 2013.

- Bids for Signal & Telecommunication Package 5, for entire WDFC Phase-1 i.e. Rewari-Makarpura were invited on April 15, 2013. Pre-bid Conference was held on May 14, 2013 and bid submission is scheduled for September 16, 2013.

Land Acquisition

- DFCCIL has so far acquired 8673 Hact. of land (WDFC: 5039 Hact. out of 5860 Hact. and EDFC: 3635 Hact. out of 4807 Hact.) which is approximately 90% excluding Sonnagar-Dankuni section and overall 82% with compensation amounting to Rs.5084 crore (WDFC: Rs.2915 crore, EDFC: Rs.2169 crore) till June, 2013.

Seminar on "Development of Industrial & Dedicated Freight Corridors - A Boost to Indian Economy"

- The Institution of Engineering and Technology (UK) organized one day Seminar on "Development of Industrial & Dedicated Freight Corridors - A Boost to Indian Economy" on 23rd April, 2013 (Tuesday) at India International Center, Lodhi Road, New Delhi.
- The Seminar witnessed participation of Members of IET and non-members of IET, Professionals from various Organisations covering leading Public Sector undertakings such as DMRC, DFCCIL, RVNL, RITES, Private Sector, Govt. Department and Private Organisation.
- Speaking on this occasion Sh. R. K. Gupta, Managing Director, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited apprised the progress of DFCCIL on both the Eastern Corridor and Western Corridors.

DFCCIL awards contract for Rewari-Palanpur stretch of Western Corridor

In a significant move forward, the DFCCIL has granted a major contract of about Rs. 6,700 crore for the construction of the 640 km double-track line between Rewari and Palanpur of the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor. The contract was won by L&T-Sojitz Corporation, a joint venture between L&T of India and Sojitz Corporation of Japan.

The contract, a JICA-funded Design-Build-Lump sum contract, requires the execution of the work within a specific time frame of four years.

The 640 km Rewari-Palanpur stretch covers more than 40 per cent of the Western Corridor. The land for almost the entire stretch has been acquired and the environmental permissions have also been obtained.

The WDFC, covering a length of about 1,500 km from Dadri to Jawaharlal Nehru Port (Mumbai), is funded by the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) under a Special Terms for Economic Partnership (STEP) loan of 677 Billion Yen.



ASSOCHAM Conference on "DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS - Challenges and Opportunities"

An international conference on "DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDORS - Challenges and Opportunities" was organized by ASSOCHAM on 4th April, 2013 at Le-Meridien Hotel, New Delhi. Many international and national companies associated with Rail Transport Industries participated in the conference. Managing Director Shri R. K. Gupta gave a presentation on Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited.

DFCCIL donates one days salary to Prime Minister's Relief Fund

In the wake of extensive devastation due to the cloudburst and floods in the state of Uttarakhand, a large number of persons have died and property of worth crores of Rupees have been damaged. The Hon'ble Prime Minister has appealed to the countrymen to donate generously to the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund.

To stand by with our distressed fellow countrymen, the employees of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited have decided to donate one day's salary to the Prime Minister National Relief Fund.



The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) observed anti-terrorism day on May 21. On the occasion, a pledge taking ceremony was organized. The pledge to fight terrorism was administered by MD Shri R. K. Gupta in the presence of all DFCCIL staff.

The DFCCIL observes anti-terrorism day every year on May 21 - the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi - in order to create awareness among all sections of people about the dangers of terrorism and violence and the effect it has on the people, society and the country as a whole. The aim is to help reduce terrorism to the maximum possible extent.

Construction work of Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor gains momentum



The officials working on the Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) have been directed to take up activities in parallel to achieve the targets in schedule time frame.

The directive came from DFCCIL MD Shri R. K. Gupta following a day-long inspection of the work on the 343-km double line track

of the Kanpur-Khurja section of the EDFC. He also advised the project authorities to impress upon the civil administration for their help and assistance to get physical possession of all acquired land and structures from the land owners as all the compensations has been paid to Project Affected Peoples. The inspection was carried out on May 31, 2013. The corridor's alignment and demarcation has been finalized and the preparatory work has begun. The topographic survey has been completed for the corridor and the geo-technical investigation for bridges and clearance of sites is in progress.

During the inspection, Shri R. K. Gupta was accompanied by Director/PP Shri Anshuman Sharma, Director/OP & BD, Shri H. D. Gujrati and other top officials of DFCCIL and representatives of M/s TATA-ALDESA JV.

DFCCIL joins the elite Green Building Club

The corporate office of the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited, presently functioning from 3 floors of Delhi's Pragati Maidan Metro Station building has been awarded a **4 STAR (****)** rating for energy efficiency by Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Power, Government of India. With a certified annual energy consumption is 94 kwh/sq. mtr., DFCCIL has become the 5th member of the 4 Star Energy Efficient Offices Club in New Delhi - the others being RBI, National Productivity Council, Sanrakshan Bhavan and Statesman House.



The corporation is all set to get the 5 STAR rating by achieving annual energy consumption of less than 90 kwh/sq.mtr. by adopting aggressive energy efficiency initiatives. It intends to adopt LED based lighting, solar energy based systems and intelligent energy management systems to regulate energy consumption and demand. Adoption of intelligent systems to regulate air-conditioning, lighting & ventilation based on occupancy & functional requirements for most optimal energy efficiency are being considered further. At present, there are only 2 buildings in Delhi in the 5 STAR rating Club which DFCCIL expects to join soon.

Data Center Inauguration

In its journey to implement enterprise-wide integrated IT systems, DFCCIL achieved another milestone with the inauguration of its Data Centre on June 7, 2013. The Centre was inaugurated by DFCCIL Managing Director Shri R. K. Gupta in the presence of directors Shri A. K. Dutta, Shri Anshuman Sharma and Shri H. D. Gujarati as well as other senior officers.



Housed within DFCCIL's premises at the Pragati Maidan Metro Station building complex, the DFCCIL boasts of state-of-the-art components such as blade servers, firewalls and intrusion prevention systems that are configured in a redundant fail-over configuration. The Data Center would primarily be utilized to run SAP-based Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions that would be used to manage the organisation's critical functions. All the CPM locations would be connected to the Data Center and head office using MPLS-based WAN. The DFCCIL's IT Project is spearheaded by GM/IT Ms. Neelam Sanghi.

CSR activities by Ajmer Unit (DFCCIL) : 2012-13

Presently engaged in land acquisition activity for the construction of Dedicated Freight Corridor, DFCCIL has been giving adequate compensation to Project Affected Persons (PAPs). Linked with the practice of 'Sustainable Development', DFCCIL has also decided to take care of PAP's 'socially' in order to further integrate the corporation's social & business goals.

So, under this year's CSR theme - 'Vocational Training' for dependants of PAPs, DFCCIL's Ajmer unit was entrusted the responsibility of organizing vocational training for young boys/girls of PAPs in various fields, aimed at developing skills & confidence of 'Self Employment'.

Interactive session with (ICEMA)



Sh. R. K. Gupta, Managing Director, DFCCIL, gave a presentation on opportunities in DFC in construction related equipments and machinery at a seminar organised by Indian Construction Equipment Manufacturers Association (ICEMA) on 9th May, 2013, at New Delhi.

In all, nine vocational training courses were successfully organized with the help of local 'ITIs' and 'Jan Shikshan Sansthan' (JSS). Right from the primary passed to unemployed graduates, young people willingly came forward to register themselves for these training courses organized free of cost. In addition, they were provided free raw material, T&Ps and study materials. Themes of courses were fabrication & welding, house wiring & repairs of home appliances and repair & overhauling of two wheelers. Two special courses on 'Cutting, Tailoring & Dress Making' were only meant for Girls / Women.

In all, 255 dependants of PAPs were trained in these vocational training courses held at Ajmer, Kharwa, Beawar, Jetaran, Sojat, Sirohi & Abu Road. Widely appreciated by the State Administration and Competent Authorities, these courses also established a new communication link between DFCC & PAPs, thus serving the very purpose of CSR.



Inspection of Sh. R. K. Gupta, MD at CSR, Kharwa

Prize distribution by Smt. Kiran Soni, DC, Ajmer

DFCC: A MEGA INFRA PROJECT AND SENSITIZED LAND ACQUISITION

In order to smoothen and accelerate the implementation of the Dedicated Freight Corridor projects across the Indian sub-continent, the DFCCIL has put in place certain special legislative provisions provided under the Railway Amendment Act (RAA) 2008. Along with this, the National Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy (NRRP) 2007 has been given due weightage to provide a reasonable substitute in addition to the compensation provided to the Project Affected People (PAP).

This has helped broaden the base to incorporate encroachers, squatters, landless labourers etc. by providing an all-inclusive entitlement matrix that offers minimum daily wages for a definite time frame, displacement allowance and other lump sum amounts for various similar tangible and intangible losses. The DFCCIL has also put in place special provisions to grant solatium as high as 60 per cent over and above the value of the land.

The confusion caused as to the "intended land use" clause under Section 20G of the RAA 2008 was also cleared by the DFCCIL. The section stated that the Competent Authority would take into consideration the "intended land use category" of the land to arrive at a final value of the land to be acquired. This led to confusion as to whose intention was being referred to here - the acquiring agency (in this case Railways) or the land owner. After much deliberation, the confusion was cleared by DFCCIL with its explanation that the provision has nothing to do with the intended use of land by the acquiring agency, but has everything to do with the intended land use by the land owner.

Even if acquisition is a relevant factor to be considered while determining the amount of compensation, it does not mean that the compensation payable for the same land would be different depending upon the purpose of acquisition. So, compensation for a land acquired for a sewage plant would not be less if the same land was acquired for an industrial layout or a residential layout or commercial layout.

Interactive session with PHDCCI on Freight Corridors



An interactive session on "Indian Rail Corridors-The Track Forward" was organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), New Delhi on May 30, 2013. The session focused on the Dedicated Freight Corridors that are being constructed by DFCCIL. Addressing the participating industry leaders, DFCCIL Managing Director Shri R. K. Gupta gave a detailed presentation on the opportunities and scope that due to the construction of these freight corridors.

World Bank Mission visits DFCCIL

The World Bank Implementation Support Mission for APL-1 visited DFCCIL to review the progress of works under APL-1. They conducted site visit for Civil Structure and Track Work Contract for Lot 101, 102 & 103 awarded during January, 2013 and contract agreement signed during March, 2013.

The team was satisfied with progress of the initial stage of work. Major achievement after last mission include an on-board Civil Works Contractor, substantial progress in other Procurement such as finalization of Technical Evaluation of PMC, Issue of RFP for QSAC, PQ Evaluation for System Contract Bhaupur-Khurja and engagement of SESMRC Consultant.

Change Management Workshop

DFCCIL, in collaboration with HCLT, conducted an Organization Change Management Workshop on June 12, 2013. This workshop offered an in-depth view of the step-by-step process: conceptual, disruptive, theoretical, practical and finally tactical approaches towards Integrated IT Project. The workshop highlighted various aspects where DFCCIL employees can learn to obtain their given business objectives.

Change Management Workshop was designed to provide a clear understanding of the capabilities needed to address the strategic and tactical aspects of change, and the business processes required to undertake them. The result: a learning organization ready to leverage information technology for attaining a competitive edge.

Welcome - New Members in DFCC Family

S.No.	Name	Designation	Deptt.	Posting	Date of Joining
1.	S. Nishat Ali	GGM	BD	Corporate Office	24 June, 2013
2.	Prashant Mishra	GGM	Finance	Corporate Office	16 May, 2013
3.	Rahul Gautam	GGM	Electrical	Corporate Office	28 May, 2013
4.	Amit Kumar Manuwal	CPM	Engineering	Meerut	02 Apr, 2013
5.	Sanjay Phulwaria	Addl. CPM	Electrical	Mumbai	23 Apr, 2013
6.	Arvind kumar Singh	Addl. CPM	Electrical	Allahabad (West)	02 May, 2013
7.	Madhusmita Patra	DGM	Traffic	Corporate Office	10 May, 2013
8.	Prakash Kumar	AM	IT	Corporate Office	01 May, 2013
9.	Sanjeev Bhatia	Sr. Executive	HR	Corporate Office	05 Apr, 2013
10.	Hari Pal Singh	PM	Electrical	Tundla	08 Apr, 2013
11.	Sangeet Nath Pathak	APM	S&T	Tundla	18 Apr, 2013
12.	Prakash Chandra	APM	S&T	Tundla	18 Apr, 2013
13.	Arun Kumar Jain	Dy. PM	Electrical	Mumbai	03 June, 2013
14.	Hitendra Kumar	APM	S&T	Surat	18 Apr, 2013
15.	Sudhir Nagar	APM	Engineering	Vadodara	21 May, 2013
16.	Krishna Pratap Singh	APM	S&T	Allahabad (West)	18 Apr, 2013
17.	Satyendra Kumar Gupta	APM	S&T	Allahabad (East)	18 Apr, 2013
18.	Ravinder Nath Chadha	Sr. Executive	Finance	NOIDA	18 Apr, 2013
19.	Dinesh Prasad	PA	Secretarial	Corporate Office	04 June, 2013