



DEDICATED FREIGHT CORRIDOR CORPORATION

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Minister for Railways reviews the progress of Eastern & Western Dedicated Freight Corridors

Minister for Railways, Shri Suresh Prabhu, reviewed the performance of DFCCIL and appreciated the efforts put in by DFCC in expediting procurement and pushing the work progress at sites.

During 2015, DFCCIL has done excellent work in all the fronts, be it the finalization of Major Civil, Electrical, S&T contracts, land acquisition, environmental, forest & CRZ clearances, tying up of funding arrangements with World Bank, sanction of Revised Estimate, increase in the progress of the on-going works and bringing of New Technology in Mechanized Track Laying.

DFC made magnificent progress in the field of award of contracts during 2015. 7 major Civil, Electrical and S&T contracts worth Rs.17,500 crores were signed, which is much more than the total contracts awarded by DFCCIL during the last 6 years (around Rs 13000 crores). As a result, Civil and Track work is progressing in 65% length (1830 km) and system works in 50% length(1360 km). Further, contracts worth about Rs 10,000 crores are expected to be awarded by March 2016. With this Civil and track works, Electrical and Signalling works would be progressing in 85% length.

Not only this, there has been a quantum jump in the progress of Civil works with ten-fold increase in Rewari-Palanpur section of Western Corridor and three-fold increase in Kanpur-Khurja section of Eastern Corridor. The mechanized laying of the track by NTC machines commenced at Bhadan &

Maitha in Eastern Corridor and Bhagega in Western Corridor. **This was done for the first time in India.**

Capital expenditure to the tune of Rs 4902 Crores has already been incurred in the period April-December 2015 which is 200% more than the expenditure during the similar period in 2014. Further during 2015-16 total capex is expected to touch Rs 8830 crores as compared to capex of Rs 2885 crores in 2014-15.

Complete funding for both the corridors has been tied up and all major environmental, forest and other statutory clearances are in place. 1193 Arbitration cases and 419 court cases pertaining to land were successfully resolved resulting in successful acquisition of more than 87 % land.

Hon.ble M.R. has further desired that we should not wait for the entire completion of the DFCCIL corridor and sections should be commissioned in piecemeal as the work progresses.

DFCCIL, a special purpose vehicle (SPV) is engaged in planning, Construction, operation and maintenance of the Dedicated Freight Corridors and in the first phase, the two corridors, namely Eastern Corridor from Ludhiana to Dankuni (1840 Kms) and the Western Corridor from Dadri to Jawahar Lal Nehru Port (JNPT) (1502 Kms) are being constructed. The Western Corridors is being funded by Japan International Corporation Agency (JICA), while the Eastern Corridor from Mughalsairai to Ludhiana is being funded by the World Bank.

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Work on DFC on full swing, New Track Laying (NTC) machine at Bhadan in Eastern DFC