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Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) signed MOU with Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) for developing multi-modal logistics terminals.

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the the Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) and Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) on Thursday, 19.03.2015 for collaboration through convergence between inland waterways and Railway connectivity. The MoU was signed by Shri Amitabh Verma, Chairman, IWAI and Shri Adesh Sharma, Managing Director, DFCCIL. in the presence of the Hon'ble Minister for Railways Shri Suresh Prabhu, the Hon'ble Minister for Shipping, Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari, Chairman Railway Board Sh. A K Mittal and secretary shipping Sh. Rajive Kumar.

Dedicated Freight Corridor (DFC) is an iconic project which has been undertaken by the Government of India for development of high speed dedicated freight line to facilitate rail transportation of goods. In Phase-I, DFCCIL will construct two Corridors, namely Eastern DFC traversing from Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni in West Bengal and Western DFC extending from Dadari in National Capital Region to Jawaharlal Port (Mumbai) in Maharashtra.

Speaking on the occasion Hon'ble Minister for Railways Shri Suresh Prabhu said that this is a landmark event.He added that India has large coast but there are a large number of states which are land locked .There is huge potential for providing connectivity through Inland Waterways, Railways and Roadways. The development of Inter modal terminal using synergy of DFCCIL and IWAI will help in reducing unit cost of transport logistics and will be Eco friendly. He further added that DFC will be game changer in the field of transport logistics.

Hon'ble Minister for Shipping, Road Transport and Highways Shri Nitin Gadkari said that MoU is another step towards turning the Make in India vision in to reality. The synergy between the Ministry of Railways and Shipping would provide a boost to the development of multi-modal logistics

terminals along National Waterways, he added. The Minister also underlined the initiative to convert 101 rivers into inland waterways.



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