

Nearly 56% of Freight Corridors Complete

99% land acquired for Eastern, Western segments

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New Delhi: The Dedicated Freight Corridors have achieved a total commissioning of 56% according to the latest progress report on the crucial railway lines. Speaking to ET, R K Jain, managing director of Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India (DFCCIL) said that over 99% of the land required for the Eastern and Western Freight Corridors has been acquired.

"Only small patches of land on the Vairana-Mumbai link need to be cleared to complete entire land acquisition for the existing freight corridors," Jain said, adding that this is the only section whose commissioning will spill over to 2024.

The Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) is spread over 1337 kilometres (kms) from Ludhiana in Punjab and Dankuni (near Kolkata) in West Bengal



through Khurja in Uttar Pradesh. The Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) stretches over 1506 kms from Dadri in Uttar Pradesh (near Delhi) to Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra.

"More than half of both the corridors have been commissioned till now. Completion at EDFC stands at 774 kms (58%) while at WDFC it is 811 kms (54%)," Jain told ET.