

Work on freight corridors on fast track

Railways says all contracts awarded, 100% land acquired

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All works contracts have been awarded and 100 per cent of the land has been acquired for the two dedicated freight corridors (DFCs), in an indication that the ambitious project is gaining pace.

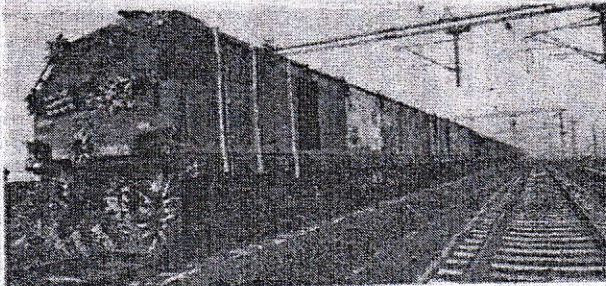
In a progress report on the corridors, the Railway Ministry on Monday said 734 km of track on the Western DFC and 618 km of track on the Eastern DFC have been commissioned.

394 bridges completed

As many as 394 of the 543 major bridges have also been completed, the Ministry tweeted.

"No. of trains run: 44,796. Freight loaded: 15.23 billion NTKM," it further said.

The government has sanctioned two DFCs, namely East-



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DFCs was ₹91,882 crore as on June 30.

About the DFCs

The corridors are targeted to be completed by June 2023.

The Eastern DFC is 1,337 km, while the Western DFC is 1,506 km in length.

"Both these corridors are under execution, and currently 1,339-km length has been completed out of 2,843 km," Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had said last month.

The total capital expenditure on the construction of the

Towards decongestion

The corridors are expected to help pave the way for segregation of freight and passenger services, which would lead to decongestion of the routes.

They would also help run longer, heavier, higher and faster freight trains to achieve higher transport output with reduced transit time and lower cost, thus improving the modal share of Railways.