



Flag off ceremony for Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Project Supported by Japan (Rewari – Madar 306km section)

~ Enhancing freight logistical infrastructure for improved regional development ~

New Delhi, January 7, 2021: The Government of Japan joins in felicitation in welcoming the inauguration of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor's Rewari (Haryana) - Madar (Rajasthan) Section (around 306km). The event was graced with the presence of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, in presence of Shri Piyush Goyal, Hon'ble Minister of Railways, Commerce & Industry, Shri Manohar Lal Khattar, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Haryana and Shri Ashok Gehlot, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Rajasthan. His Excellency Mr. SUZUKI Satoshi, Ambassador of Japan to India, attended the ceremony and flagged off this project together with other dignitaries.

Japan has been providing funds and expertise for the dedicated freight railway system having route length of approximately 1,500km, which has been constructed, under the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor project, along the Industrial Corridor between Dadri-Delhi and Mumbai.

Speaking on this occasion, Mr. SUZUKI Satoshi, Ambassador of Japan to India said, "Western Dedicated Freight Corridor project is an important venture of "Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) initiative". This project is an epitome of Japan-India collaboration for comprehensive infrastructure development. It creates India's largest industrial belt zone by linking industrial parks and harbors of six states between Delhi and Mumbai in order to promote trade, foreign export and direct investment. Japanese companies such as NIPPON KOEI, Oriental Consultants Global, HITACHI, MITSUI & CO, Sojitz, JFE Engineering and IHI Infrastructure Systems have been contributing to developing this priority project. We are looking forward to continuing to work with our Indian friends on this important project."

Speaking on this occasion, Mr. Katsuo Matsumoto, Chief Representative, JICA India said, "JICA is committed towards the development of infrastructure in India. Western Dedicated Freight Corridor project is one of the most important JICA supported projects, covering the areas between Dadri in Uttar Pradesh and Mumbai where significant commercial and industrial development is seen. By meeting the higher growth rate expected by seamless freight transportation in these areas and optimizing distributing networks, the Project will make a far-reaching contribution towards India's economic development. JICA understands that the spread of novel coronavirus pandemic brought various challenges globally including the severe setback of construction work. Despite these testing times, Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd (DFCCIL) under the Ministry of Railways, the executing agency, has relentlessly worked with Japanese consultants and contractors to achieve this significant milestone. JICA would like DFCCIL, Japanese consultants and contractors to keep continuing to put tireless efforts for further works progress until the completion of the entire 1500km corridor between Dadri-Delhi and Mumbai."

JICA has extended a cumulative total of 464,267 million Japanese yen in ODA loans (approximately INR 33,000 crore) for Western Dedicated Freight Corridor project up to now. JICA is further exploring the possibility of continuing its assistance for this project so as to support this project and help India's efforts on modernization of freight transportation.



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