



Inauguration ceremony for Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Project Supported by Japan (Palanpur – Mehsana (Gujarat) section)

~ Enhancing freight logistical infrastructure for improved regional development ~

Ahmedabad, Gujarat, September 30, 2022: The Government of Japan joins in felicitation in welcoming the inauguration of Western Dedicated Freight Corridor's Palanpur - Mehsana (Gujarat) Section (around 70km). The event was graced with the presence of Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India.

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. KAWAZU Kunihiko, Chargé d'Affaires ad interim, Embassy of Japan 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 are playing important role in the development of this priority project. We look forward to continue working with our Indian friends on this important project. We hope we can expect a contribution to the economic development in India by significant enhancement of logistic."

Speaking on this occasion, Mr. SAITO Mitsunori, 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, the Project will make a far-reaching contribution towards India's economic development. Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Ltd (DFCCIL) under the Ministry of Railways, the executing agency, has been relentlessly working with contractors of Indian & Japanese consortium to achieve this significant milestone. JICA would like DFCCIL, contractors and Project Management Consultants to continue making 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 580,787 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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