

## MD's Message on 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day

My Dear Members of the DFCCIL Family,

DFCCIL is celebrating its 10<sup>th</sup> Foundation day. This provides us a platform to celebrate our achievements and also an opportunity to introspect and review as to how far we have been able to fulfil the role assigned to us.

Last one year has been full of achievements for DFCCIL and we have excelled in all the fronts, which are essential for timely completion of this mega infrastructure project.

There has been manifold improvement in the progress at all fronts – be it the finalization of Procurements, environmental and forest & CRZ clearances, tying up of funding arrangements with World Bank, sanction of Revised Estimate, pushing up the progress of the on-going works and bringing of New Technology in Mechanized Track Laying.

I would like to compliment and congratulate the entire team of DFCCIL who have toiled hard to bring perceptible change in the image of DFCCIL.

DFCCIL has set a landmark in the field of procurement. During last one year, contracts worth Rs.17500 crores have been awarded, which is much more than the total contracts awarded by DFCCIL during the last 6 years, which was around Rs.13000 crores.

Procurement in DFCCIL is done under design, build, lumpsum contract by international competitive bidding process, which requires clearance at 8

stages from the lending agencies, viz., World Bank and JICA. In spite of lengthy process, the procurement of such a magnitude could be completed.

Civil and Track contracts covering 65% of the length have been awarded and system contracts covering 50% of the length have been awarded. It is further planned to place 90% of the contracts by April, 2016 and the balance by October, 2016.

There has been ten-fold increase in the progress of civil work in Rewari-Palanpur section of Western Corridor and three-fold increase in Kanpur-Khurja section of Eastern Corridor.

The mechanized laying of the track by NTC machines has commenced at Bhadan in Eastern Corridor and Bhagega in Western Corridor. **This is being done for the first time in India.**

It has been decided to eliminate **all 1000 level crossings** on DFC routes and there has been a major breakthrough, wherein most of the State Governments have agreed to share the cost of ROBs on 50:50 basis. This has resulted in a saving of more than Rs.2000 crores to DFCCIL and Indian Railways. Construction of 650 RUBs and 350 ROBs is a big challenge where continuous support from Zonal Railways is required for elimination of these level crossings.

We have been getting excellent cooperation and support from the Ministry of Railways, Prime Minister's Office, State Governments and lending agencies, that is, World Bank and JICA.

We in DFCCIL are fully aware of the expectations of the Ministry of Railways and PMO for expeditious completion of this project. I am sure that the dedicated and committed team of DFCCIL officials will not leave any stone unturned in meeting the deadlines given to us.

The project has witnessed a quantum jump in the progress of civil construction works in both the corridors, where the progress of the earthwork has reached to the level of **1 lakh cubic metres per day** in each of the corridors. **Concreting has reached 1000 cubic metres per day** and **ballast supply 3000 cubic metres per day** in each of the corridors.

On this occasion of Foundation Day, we will be felicitating officers and staff, who have performed outstandingly during last one year. I would like to congratulate all the awardees.

I would like to assure our Stakeholders that the pace of progress exhibited by DFCCIL during the last one year will be further boosted to pave the path for timely completion of this Iconic project and DFCC will be fully operational as per the laid down targets.

**Jai Hind**