

# 1. Economy

- 1) In India, most freight traffic is presently handled by the
- Roadways
  - Railways
  - Inland waterways
  - Airways

Solution: a)

Network expansion in Railways has lagged behind capacity addition in the domestic roads sector. So, significant freight share has gone to the roadways, instead of more efficient Railways.

- 2) Consider the following statements regarding Dedicated Freight Corridor.
- Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) run by the Ministry of Railways undertakes the operation of the "Dedicated Freight Corridors" (DFC).
  - The Western DFC is lengthier than the Eastern DFC.
  - Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) runs from Uttar Pradesh to Mumbai.

Which of the above statements is/are correct?

- 1, 2
- 1, 3
- 2, 3
- 1, 2, 3

Solution: b)

The Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) recently announced that Indian Railways will be running its freight trains on 40% of the dedicated freight corridor (DFC) by next year. The DFC project is one of the Indian Railways' largest infrastructure projects. The **1,504 kms long Western DFC** is from J N Port in Mumbai, Maharashtra to Dadri in the state of Uttar Pradesh and the **1,856 kms long Eastern DFC** is from Sahnewal near Ludhiana in Punjab to Dankuni in the state of West Bengal.

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- 3) Ministry of Mines is responsible for
- Survey and exploration of all minerals
  - Mining and metallurgy of non-ferrous metals
  - Administration and management of Geological Survey of India

Select the correct answer code:

- 1, 2
- 1, 3
- 2, 3
- 1, 2, 3

Solution: c)

**Ministry of Mines is responsible for survey and exploration of all minerals, other than natural gas, petroleum and atomic minerals;** for mining and metallurgy of non-ferrous metals like aluminium, copper, zinc, lead, gold, nickel etc. and for administration of the Mines and Minerals (Regulation and Development) Act, 1957 in respect of all mines and minerals other than coal, natural gas and petroleum.

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