

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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IDENTIFICATION OF SURPLUS RAILWAY LAND FOR COMMERCIAL USE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Railways have identified the surplus railway land and air space for commercial utilisation such as construction of budget hotels, commercial complexes and level crossing gates for hoardings and billboards;

(b) if so, the details thereof State-wise; and

(c) the amount likely to be generated therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b): Railways do not have surplus land. However, with a view to augment its resources, Railways have decided to utilise air space over its land/ property. The sites identified so far include station buildings at Andheri, Borivli, Kalyan and Thane in Mumbai, Maharashtra, Secunderabad and Hyderabad in Andhra Pradesh, Chennai Central in Chennai, Tamil Nadu, Sealdah, Howrah and some metro stations in Calcutta, West Bengal. The vacant plots identified are Salt Gollah in Calcutta, West Bengal and Bandra in Mumbai, Maharashtra.

100 stations of tourist interest on Indian Railways have also been identified for the construction of Budget Hotels/Rail Yatri Niwases on various zones under Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation through private participation.

It has also been decided to generate resources by using railway stations/sites, level crossings, freight wagons, passenger trains and some other miscellaneous areas for advertisement.

(c) As property development schemes require detailed planning and design, market studies as well as pre- constructions studies and approvals before actual construction can be taken up, such schemes have a long gestation period. At this stage it is not possible to make an accurate estimate of the amount likely to be generated through this route.