

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:493
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LEASING OUT OF LAND BY RAILWAYS TO RETAILERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to join the retail bandwagon through a public private partnership venture by leasing out land to retailers to enhance its revenue;
- (b) if so, whether any discussion has been held with the private players in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the names of the sites/railway stations identified to build national retail hubs?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): The railway stations and the vacant land around them have the potential to be leveraged for agri-retail chains and thereby help the farmers to sell directly to the retail chains.
- (b): Yes, Sir.
- (c): The discussions held so far are of exploratory nature.
- (d): The names of sites/railway stations have not yet been finalized.