

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RETAIL HUB NEAR RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken a decision to open retail hub near railway stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the details of income generated till date by selling/leasing land near railway stations;
- (d) whether Railways are formulating any plan to ensure participation of educated unemployed in opening retail hub; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

- (a) and (b): The feasibility of attracting additional traffic by leveraging sparable railway land through partnership with agri-retail chains is under consideration.
- (c) to (e) Do not arise.