

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:300
ANSWERED ON:15.04.2010
COMMERCIAL USE OF SURPLUS LAND
Adityanath Shri Yogi

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are working on any scheme to commercially utilise their surplus land;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the latest status of progress regarding constitution of railway land bank?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (c): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.300 BY SHRI YOGI ADITYA NATH TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.04.2010 REGARDING COMMERCIAL USE OF SURPLUS LAND.

(a) to (c): Indian Railways have approx 10.65 lakh acre of land. About 90% of this land is under Railway's operational and allied usages. Total vacant land, which is approx. 1.13 lakh acre comprises the land bank.

The first charge on utilization of this land bank is for Railways' own development works such as doubling, gauge conversions, yard re-modeling and traffic facility works, freight corridors as well as for servicing the track and other infrastructures. In addition, Railways plan to utilise its land bank, wherever feasible, for setting up of rail coach and component factories, loco component factories, wagon factories, Coach rehabilitation and wagon repair workshops, Multi-Modal Logistic Parks, Auto hubs, Cold Storages & Perishable Cargo Centres, refrigerated container factory, eco-parks, health care facilities, bottling plants for clean drinking water, etc.

Vacant railway land and air-space not required by Railways for its immediate future operational needs is utilized for commercial development, wherever feasible. In this regard, Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been set up by Railways through the Railways (Amendment) Act, 2005 to undertake commercial development. So far, 135 sites of such vacant land measuring 3761 acre have been entrusted to RLDA on various Zonal Railways for commercial development.