

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:383
ANSWERED ON:30.07.2009
UNUTILISED RAILWAY LAND
Joshi Dr. Murlī Manohar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the unutilized land at the disposal of Railways, as on 31-03-2009 zone-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways had given any land for use to any other authority/agency after 2004;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the total revenue earned by the Railways therefrom?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 383 BY DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 30-07-2009 REGARDING UNUTILISED RAILWAY LAND.

(a) As per announcement in Railway Budget 2009-10, an exercise has been undertaken by Indian Railways to create land bank for its utilization by setting up industrial hubs, commercial development of railway land and other purposes connected with railway working/public purposes, etc. As of now, Railway-wise details of approximate vacant land area is as under:

S. No. Railway Zone Details of Vacant land
(Area in Acre)

1 Central 6188

2 Eastern 3792

3 East Central 8620

4 East Coast 4707

5 Northern 9489

6 North Central 1079

7 North Eastern 14352

8 Northeast Frontier 11718

9 North Western 5953

10 Southern 5673

11 South Central 5557

12 South Eastern 4467

13 South Western 2255

14 South East Central 9659

15 Western 17970

16 West Central 1458

Total 112937

(b) Yes, Madam.

(c) The details of such land are as under:

S. No.	Authority/Agency (In Acre)	Area
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1	Land entrusted to Government agencies/	510
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semi government agencies, other
authorities, etc. for public purpose

2 Land entrusted to Rail Land Development 3568
Authority for commercial development of
land which is not required immediately
for railways operational needs

3 Land licensed for purposes connected 497
with railway working

(d): Total revenue earned by the Railway from land given to other authority/ agency is as under:

S. No. Year Revenue earned
(In crore of Rupees)

1. 2004-05 200.80

2. 2005-06 201.45

3. 2006-07 356.00

4. 2007-08 476.51

5. 2008-09 541.95