

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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UNUTILISED RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether substantial Railway land is lying unutilized under various Railways zones particularly in backward and rural regions;
- (b) if so; the details thereof zone-wise as on date;
- (c) the total area of land lying unutilized alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (d) Whether the Railways have any proposal to allot the unutilized land to poor people; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): 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 for other purposes connected with railway working/public purposes, etc.

(d) & (e): Railway land in urban areas and never level crossing gates is licensed to Railway employees working in Group 'C' to 'D' category belonging to SC/ST, OBC and the economically weaker section of the society under Grow More Food Scheme (GMF) to prevent encroachments.