

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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UTILISATION OF RAILWAY LAND

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to construct godowns for foodgrains on vacant/surplus railway land in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the locations identified therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways are facing financial crisis for funding railway projects;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the number of such projects which are lagging behind; and
- (f) the remedial steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Madam.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) Railways are attempting ambitious targets in areas of new lines, gauge conversion, doubling, electrification etc. despite limited resources.
- (d) Projects are being funded through plan resources including gross budgetary support from Ministry of Finance, internal resource generation and market borrowings.
- (e) As on 1.04.2011, the number of ongoing projects are as follows; 129 new lines, 45 gauge conversion projects, 166 doubling projects – a total of 340 projects.
- (f) The remedial steps being taken in this regard are:-
 - (i) Efforts through Public Private Partnership (PPP) initiatives.
 - (ii) Increase in Gross Budgetary Support from Government of India.
 - (iii) Market borrowings in the form of tax free bonds etc.
 - (iv) Multi-lateral & bi-lateral funding.
 - (v) Generating resources through non-conventional methods and innovative financing.