

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1770
ANSWERED ON:01.12.2011
ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have identified land and other properties under encroachment;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including encroachment removed and under process of removal, zone-wise during the last three years and the current year;
- (c) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto;
- (d) whether the Railways are aware that there are a number of encroachments set up by the rich and other influential persons which have not been removed; and
- (e) the steps taken by the Railways to remove the said encroachment?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): Indian Railways have approximately 4.31 lakh hectare of land/properties, out of which about 968 hectare of land, which constitutes 0.23% of total land holding, is under encroachment as on 31.10.2011. During the last three years ending 31.03.2011 and further till 31.10.2011, approximately 594 hectare of Railway land has been released from encroachments. Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to deal with encroachments without any discrimination among encroachers as per their socio-economic status. However, Railways have decided to deal with the issue of encroachments in a humane manner. Also, Railways are engaged in a continuous exercise to protect Railway land/property by providing boundary walls, fencing, tree plantation, etc., at vulnerable locations on a programmed basis. Zone-wise position of area of land released from encroachments and area under encroachments as on 31.10.2011 is given below.

RAILWAY ZONES APPROXIMATE AREA APPROXIMATE AREA UNDER
(IN Hectare) RELEASED ENCROACHMENTS
FROM ENCROACHMENTS (IN Hectare) AS ON
DURING THE PERIOD 31.10.2011
FROM 31.03.2008 TO
31.10.2011

Central	14	64
Eastern	2	21
East Central	14	4
East Coast	9	21
Northern	507	215
North Central	4	50
North Eastern	2	28

Northeast Frontier 4 166

North Western 1 19

Southern 3 62

South Central 16 13

South Eastern 7 161

Southeast Central 6 49

South Western 1 13

Western 1 41

West Central 3 41

Metro 0 0

TOTAL 594 968