

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2436

ANSWERED ON:08.12.2011

RAILWAY QUARTERS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total number of railway quarters in the country, Zone-wise;
- (b) the number of railway quarters lying vacant due to their dilapidated conditions, Zone-wise;
- (c) the number of railway quarters constructed by the Railways during the last three years and the current year, Zone-wise;
- (d) the details of railway colonies where Railways have not been supplying safe drinking water, Zone-wise, and the reasons therefor;
- (e) the outcome of the instructions issued by the Railways on the complaints made by the All India Railway Men's Federation in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Railways to provide safe drinking water to such colonies?

**Answer**

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

(a)&(b): Railways have approximately 6.2 lakh number of quarters in the Zonal Railways, Production Units and other organizations. Many of these quarters were built long time back as per the standards prevalent at that time. Quarters which can be made habitable, are improved in a planned manner. Replacement and improvement to quarters is a continuous process and works in this regard are taken up every year in phased manner based on availability of funds. Zone-wise details for number of quarters, vacant quarters and quarters requiring replacement are Appended.

(c): Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(d)to(f): Potable drinking water is made available in Railway colonies. Day to day problems and complaints received in this regard from staff and recognized staff Unions are attended and corrective action taken.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2436 BY SHRI ABDUL RAHMAN, SHRI D.B. CHANDRE GOWDA AND SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH: TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.12.2011 REGARDING RAILWAY QUARTERS.

(a)&(b): Zone-wise details for number of quarters, vacant quarters and quarters requiring replacement are as under:

| RAILWAY ZONES | TOTAL NUMBER OF RAILWAY QUARTERS | NUMER OF QUARTERS LYING VACANT | NUMER OF OLD QUARTERS REQ-UIRING REPLACEMENT |
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|---------|-------|------|------|
| Central | 43019 | 3762 | 5322 |
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|---------|-------|------|------|
| Eastern | 37229 | 5637 | 3216 |
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|--------------|-------|-----|------|
| East Central | 45272 | 626 | 2253 |
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East Coast 25043 3626 507

Northern 75867 3047 6845

North Central 26266 1058 1488

North Eastern 27015 663 3

Northeast Frontier 53234 4163 4472

North Western 31524 2573 2458

Southern 29276 2920 2094

South Central 3420 2343 4091

South Eastern 48306 3970 3538

Southeast Central 23284 2584 306

South Western 14404 1359 1073

Western 51716 4234 6003

West Central 27518 1116 844

Metro 645 0 0

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| TOTAL | 593821 | 43681 | 44513 |
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