

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:133

ANSWERED ON:22.03.2012

RAILWAY LAND ON LEASE

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of the vacant/unused land in the country under the Railways, zone-wise;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to give such land on lease;
- (c) if so, the details thereof including the criteria adopted/ eligibility conditions laid down for the applicants for such lease;
- (d) the details of such land given on lease during the last three years and the revenues earned therefrom, zone-wise; and
- (e) the details of the other steps being taken by the Railways for commercial utilisation of such vacant/unused land in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 133 BY SHRI MANSUKH BHAI D. VASAVA AND SHRI LAXMAN TUDU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2012 REGARDING RAILWAY LAND ON LEASE.

(a) to (e): Indian Railways have approx 10.65 lakh acre of land. About 90% of this land is under railways operational and allied usages. The total vacant railway land at present is about 1.13 lakh acre. Zone-wise details of vacant land are as shown below:

Railway	Vacant land (in acres)
Central	6188
Eastern	3792
East Central	8620
East Coast	4707
Northern	9489
North Central	1079
North Eastern	14352
Northeast Frontier	11718
North Western	5953
Southern	5673
South Central	5557
South Eastern	4467
Southeast Central	9659
South Western	2255
Western	17970
West Central	1458

Total 112937

The vacant land is mostly in the form of a narrow strips along track and is also essential for servicing and maintenance of track and other infrastructure. The vacant railway land is utilized for execution of various infrastructural projects for meeting future growth needs of Railways and include projects like doubling, traffic facilities, Rail Coach and Component factories, etc. The vacant land, which is not required by Railways for its immediate operational needs, is utilized for commercial development, wherever feasible, in order to mobilize additional financial resources through Rail Land Development Authority, set up through the Railway (Amendment) Act, 2005 to undertake commercial development of that vacant railway land/air space subject to extant rules/instructions governing such use, as amended from time to time. Earnings from leasing/licensing of land for last three years are as under:

Earnings from Land (figures in crore of Rs.)

S.No. Railway 2009-10 2010-11 2011-12 (upto
January 2012)

Actual Actual Actual
Achievement Achievement Achievement

1 Central	25.43	41.97	32.20
2 Eastern	19.42	19.00	23.87
3 East Central	16.54	26.97	21.09
4 East Coast	29.06	30.14	13.59
5 Northern	133.86	196.51	134.85
6 North Central	39.26	21.79	19.95
7 North Eastern	16.28	32.45	21.4
8 Northeast Frontier	27.17	11.15	13.43
9 North Western	55.57	35.53	61.55
10 Southern	77.7	84.30	361.64
11 South Central	33.46	49.86	36.87
12 South Eastern	33.43	42.36	71.73
13 Southeast Central	15.56	16.64	19.35
14 South Western	47.62	50.92	29.61
15 Western	46.42	51.39	52.86
16 West Central	30.36	21.40	18.74
17 Metro	0	0	0

Total 649.14 732.38 932.72

Total Earnings in last 3 years = Rs. 2314.24 crore.