

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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VACANT RAILWAY QUARTERS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of railway quarters alongwith the number of quarters lying vacant in the country, type-wise and zone-wise, particularly in Delhi area;
- (b) the time since when these quarters are lying vacant alongwith the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of loss of revenue being caused to the Railways due to these vacant quarters for such a long period, year-wise; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken to make such vacant quarters habitable so that the same can be allotted to the eligible employees?

Answer

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

(a) Zone-wise details for number of quarters and vacant quarters and vacant quarters are appended. In Delhi area, there are about 11270 number of quarters, out of which about 804 no. of quarters are vacant at present.

(b) to (d): Vacancy, repair and allotment of quarters is a continuous process. Railways do not construct the quarters for the purpose of revenue generation, but for enabling railway employees to perform the duties due to administrative exigencies.

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 while the rest, which are unsafe structures, are abandoned and suitably dealt with as per laid down procedure.

Repair and improvement of quarters is a continuous activity and works in this regard are taken up every year in a phased manner as per availability of funds.