

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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AFFORESTATION ON RAILWAY LAND
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the targets set and achieved by the Railways under the afforestation programme on railway land during the last three years, giving total area of land covered and total number of saplings planted ;
- (b) the target set for the year 2012-13 under the said programme; and
- (c) the steps being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): In pursuance of Railways commitment towards environmental improvement through afforestation and also with a view to safeguard railway land against unauthorized occupation, Railways undertake tree plantation on a regular basis. Vacant Railway land is generally in the form of thin strip along track. Railways undertake plantation on the available land, taking due care of the visibility of track and safe operation of trains.

During last three years, about 261 lac saplings were planted against total target of 300 lac. Target of plantation of saplings during 2012-13 is 100 lac.