

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAILWAY LAND

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to commercially exploit unused railway land across the country for generating extra revenues;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether a vast area of railway land currently entrusted to the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) is not viable for such ventures;
- (d) if so, the details thereof including the area of land the Railways have given to the RLDA to lease out to the interested bidders; and
- (e) the present status of progress made so far by the RLDA in commercial utilisation of railway land?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (e): Indian Railway network occupies a land area measuring about 10.65 lakh acres. Ninety per cent of this land is directly under railway tracks, yards, workshops and allied infrastructure. The vacant land, measuring about 1.13 lakh acres is mostly in the form of a narrow strip along tracks which railways have been utilizing, or plan to utilize, for its expansion in the form of doubling, third line, quadrupling, gauge conversion, freight corridors, yard remodeling, traffic facility works, workshops, etc. for servicing and maintenance of track and other rail related infrastructure. Vacant railway land/air-space not required by Railways for its immediate future operational needs is utilized for commercial development through Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), wherever feasible. 136 sites measuring 1485 hectare of railway land have been entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority for commercial development. Out of which 55 sites having area of 154 hectare have been identified as amenable for commercial development. Developers/bidders have been fixed for four sites namely, Gola Ka Mandir (Gwalior), Platform road near Bangalore City (Bangalore), Gautam Budh Institute (Gaya) and Delhi Sarai Rohilla (Delhi).