

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LAND AT CST RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways had received any request from the Chief Minister of Maharashtra during 2003 and/or thereafter regarding the development of 20 acres of vacant land near Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminal (CST) railway Station;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon by the Railways; and
- (c) the time by which any decision in this regard is likely to be taken by the Railways?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Chief Minister of Maharashtra had offered to extend assistance while taking up the expansion of Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus (CST), without any mention to development of 20 acres of vacant land near this terminus. The station has been identified for development into world class station through PPP (Public Private Partnership) mode, by leveraging the land around and the air space above the station. CST Mumbai is a world heritage site. As such, the buffer zone around the heritage structure has to be rationalised to release space for expansion of activities and facilities. In this regard, an application has been submitted to World Heritage Centre/UNESCO.