

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4534

ANSWERED ON:20.12.2012

VACANT LAND .

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land under Railways and the area out of which remain unused as on date, State-wise;
- (b) the details of the railway land given on lease, including the terms and conditions for such lease State-wise and the total revenue earned by Railways as a result thereof;
- (c) whether Railways propose to construct schools, hospitals and other charitable institutions in the vacant Railway land in addition to commercial use of Railway land;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action taken /being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House. STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4534 BY SHRI MANICKA TAGORE, SHRI JAGDISH SHARMA, SHRI SAJJAN VERMA, DR. M. JAGANNATH, SHRI SUGUMAR K., SHRI S. SEMMALAI, SHRI MADHUSUDAN YADAV, SHRI SHER SINGH GHUBAYA, SHRIMATI KAMLA DEVI PATLE, SHRI E.G. SUGAVANAM, SHRI HAMDULLAH SAYEED, SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU, SHRI JAGADANAND SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2012 REGARDING VACANT LAND.

(a) & (b): 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 remodelling, traffic facility works, workshops, etc. and for servicing and maintenance of track and other rail related infrastructure. Railway land is also leased/licensed on approved lease/license charges to the Railway customers/Government institutions/welfare bodies for purposes connected with Railway working, or providing required services to the Railways. 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. State-wise record of land holding and earnings from land are not maintained. However, zone wise details are in appendix I & II.

(c) to (e): A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, to set up healthcare infrastructures viz. Out Patient Department (OPD) and Diagnostic Centres, Secondary Level General Specialty Hospitals and Tertiary Level Multi-Specialty Hospitals on vacant Railway land. Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is to set up these centres for the benefit of common people living in those areas, passengers and railwaymen.

Ministry of Railways have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Ministry of Human Resource Development for setting up 50 new Civil Sector Kendriya Vidyalayas during 11th and 12th Plan periods on land to be provided by the Railways to fulfill educational needs of wards of Railway employees and other children living in the vicinity of Railway habitations. Pursuant thereto Ministry of Human Resource Development has sanctioned seven new Kendriya Vidyalayas at Carriage Repair Workshop, Harnaut (Bihar), Cast Wheel Plant, Bela (Bihar), Railway Campus, Nanded (Maharashtra), Railway Campus, Rangiya (Assam), Freeland Ganj Railway Colony, Dahod (Gujarat), Krishnarajapuram Diesel Loco Shed Colony, Bangalore

(Karnataka), Shakurbasti, West Punjabi Bagh (Delhi). These new Kendriya Vidyalayas have become partially functional in temporary/alternative accommodation. A list of another 43 locations has been forwarded to Ministry of Human resource Development for early opening of schools.