

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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REHABILITATION OF ENCROACHERS
Azad Shri Kirti (Jha)

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the present status of implementation of various rehabilitation schemes including Sukhi Griha Scheme for encroachers/slum dwellers on railway land in the country, State-wise, including Bihar;
- (b) whether the Railways are also working in co-operation with the Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation and the Government of Bihar for the purpose; and
- (c) if so, the details and the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): Rehabilitation and Resettlement of slum dwellers is a subject matter of State Government. There is no specific scheme or project of Ministry of Railways for rehabilitation and resettlement on Railway land. Under Sukhi Griha Scheme four locations were identified namely Siliguri, Kolkata, Tiruchirapalli and Pune (Chinchawad) as Pilot projects. Meanwhile, Ministry of Housing and Urban Poverty Alleviation launched Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) which provide for whole city 'slum free approach'. In this regard, identification of slum free city shall be carried out by the respective state governments. Ministry of Railways will work with Government of Bihar whenever they select any city of Bihar for rehabilitation and resettlement of slum dwellers under this scheme.