

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3491
ANSWERED ON:10.12.2009
MALLS AT RAILWAY STATION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken a decision to open malls at railway stations across 64 cities;
- (b) if so, the names of such stations identified; and
- (c) the other sources identified by the Railways to mobilise additional resources for the development of Railways?

Answer

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

(a) to (c): A Statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3491 BY SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.12.2009 REGARDING MALLS AT RAILWAY STATION.

(a) and (b): 66 Railway stations serving places of pilgrimage, industry and tourist interests have been identified for development of Multi Functional Complexes (MFCs) for providing rail users facilities like shopping, food stalls and restaurants, book stalls, PCO/STD/ISD/FAX booths, medicine and variety stores, budget hotels, underground parking, etc. List of stations identified for development of MFCs is enclosed as Appendix.

(c): In order to mobilize additional financial resources railways have set up Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) through the Railway (Amendment) Act, 2005 to undertake commercial development of vacant railway land and air space, which is not required by Railways for its immediate future operational needs. Other methods followed by Government to mobilize additional resources for development of Railways are borrowing by Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC) and private participation in a number of areas. Activities like development of world class stations, setting up of rolling stock manufacturing units, investments in wagons and hospitality & tourism are some of the areas which have been identified for possible execution through private participation.