

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PARKING SPACE AND PLATFORMS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have formulated specific norms for auction of parking space at railway stations in the country and if so, whether these are properly followed;
- (b) the details of parking which have not been auctioned or lying unutilised at various railway stations in the country including the State of Karnataka along with the action taken thereon; and
- (c) whether the Railways propose to privatise maintenance of platforms and waiting rooms at railway stations in the country and if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a) & (b): No, Madam. However, guidelines exist for allotment of parking spaces at stations through open tenders. Parking spaces have already been allotted at most of the major railway stations. There can be some stations in the country, including the State of Karnataka, where parking spaces are lying unused due to failure of tenders. However, in all such cases action is taken to retender the vacant lots. This is a continuous process.
- (c): No, Madam. The repairs and maintenance of platforms and waiting rooms at railway stations is carried out through zonal contracts/special works and departmentally as per need and availability of funds.