

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1817
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

MAPPING OF RAILWAY LAND

1817. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps being taken by the Government to locate and map railway land;**
- (b) whether ISRO's facilities are being utilised for this purpose;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of the steps being taken for development of infrastructure on railway land, commercial utilisation and monetisation of such land?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

(a) to (c): A work has already been sanctioned for locating and mapping of all fixed Railway assets including land on Geographical Information System (GIS) of Bhuvan Satellite Imagery of Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

(d) Indian Railways have about 0.52 lakh hectares of vacant land out of total land of 4.77 lakh hectares, which is mostly in the form of

narrow strips along the tracks. The vacant land is utilized for execution of various infrastructural projects for meeting future growth needs of Railways which include projects like doubling/tripling and traffic facilities works, etc. Railways' operations also necessarily require development of ancillary logistic support /infrastructure such as bulk oil installations & oil depots, steel yards, concrete sleeper plants, coal dumps, connectivity to private sidings, connectivity to ports and other infrastructure, commercial plots, vending stalls, etc., for which land is leased/licensed. The vacant land, which is not required by Railways for its immediate operational needs, is utilized in the interim period for commercial development through Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), wherever feasible, in order to mobilize additional financial resources.
