

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3298
ANSWERED ON 28.03.2025

LAND OWNED BY RAILWAYS

3298. DR. V. SIVADASAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total area of land owned by the Railways, the details thereof, zone-wise ;
- (b) area of land owned by the Railways which is sold/leased out/alienated, the details thereof, category-wise, year-wise; and
- (c) the area of land sold or leased out to private sector, the details thereof, zone-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): The land in possession of Indian Railways is utilised for providing fixed infrastructure such as tracks, stations, terminals, workshops, production units, etc.. In addition, railway land is also leased/licensed to Government departments, Kendriya Vidyalaya, public service utility providers, private sectors for railway related activities like passenger facilities, cargo related facilities, etc. keeping ownership with Railways as per the extant policy.

The surplus vacant railway land which is not required for operational purpose in near future is entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority for leasing the railway land for commercial development. The ownership of commercially developed railway land always remains with Railways.

As on 31.03.2024, the total land in possession of Indian Railways is about 4.90 lakh hectares out of which 8812 Ha land has been leased for various purposes. This includes railway land leased/licensed for passenger facilities, cargo related facilities, commercial development, etc.. Zone-wise details of total railway land, total leased land are as under:-

(Figures in hectares)

Zonal Railway	Total railway Land	Total railway land leased/licensed
Central	31,476	168
Eastern	21,082	469
East Central	33,644	2,437
East Coast	23,010	273
Northern	46,447	474
North Central	21,149	220
North Eastern	25,899	326
Northeast Frontier	48,469	1,214
North Western	27,555	87
Southern	26,953	365
South Central	40,600	237
South Eastern	34,877	970
South East Central	23,085	368
South Western	19,893	197
Western	38,275	620
West Central	23,656	183
Metro	152	0.42
Production Units	3,989	204
