

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 361
ANSWERED ON 27.03.2026

ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAYS LAND

*361 SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is maintaining complete and updated database pertaining to extent of land possessed by Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that certain extent of land possessed by Railways is under encroachment;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether any steps have been taken to retrieve the encroached railway land/property; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.361 BY SHRI ANIL KUMAR YADAV MANDADI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 27.03.2026 REGARDING ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAYS LAND

(a) to (f): Regular inspections, demarcations and periodical verification of the railway land boundaries are carried out by railway administration and accordingly land records are updated.

Indian Railway works closely with state revenue authorities to ensure continuous verification and updation of land records wherever required.

As on 01.04.2025, Indian Railway owns approximately 4.99 lakh hectares of land, out of which about 0.21% (1068 ha) of Railway land is under encroachment.

Regular field surveys are carried out by railways and necessary action is taken to remove the encroachment with the assistance of state governments.

During the last five years, about 98.02 Ha of railway land has been reclaimed from encroachments.

The vacant railway land is utilized for infrastructural development viz. Multi Tracking, Railway Workshops, New Passenger Terminals, Cargo Terminals, etc., as per operational needs. Land, which is not immediately required by Railways, is entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) for commercial utilisation.
