

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3904  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2017**

**VACANT LAND**

**†3904. SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA:  
SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL:  
SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:  
SHRI D.K. SURESH:  
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the total land owned by the Railways across the country as on date and the total surplus land out of it available with the Railways, zone-wise;**
- (b) whether the Railways has formulated/proposes to formulate any scheme for the proper utilisation of vacant surplus land;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Railways have been able to increase its revenue from the vacant land by leasing it out for commercial development, etc.; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and the current year, year-wise?**

**ANSWER**

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

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3904 BY SHRI RAM CHARAN BOHRA, SHRI NALIN KUMAR KATEEL, SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA, SHRI D.K. SURESH AND DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2017 REGARDING VACANT LAND**

**(a) to (e): As on 31.03.2017, Indian Railways have about 51165 hectares of vacant land (not surplus) out of total land of 472155 hectares, which is mostly in the form of narrow strips along the tracks. The fifteen (15) metre width of this strip from toe of the embankment comes under safety zone, as most of the electrical, signalling and other installations required for operation of trains lie in this zone, and this width is also used for servicing and maintenance of track, bridges and other railway infrastructure. The vacant land is also 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 and 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. At present 497 hectares (approximately) of land has been entrusted to RLDA for commercial development. The details**

of total railway land and vacant railway land zone-wise as on 31.03.2017 are given below;

(Figures in hectares)

<b>Zonal Railway</b>	<b>Total Land</b>	<b>Vacant Land</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>29341.17</b>	<b>2293.77</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>20950.34</b>	<b>2172.80</b>
<b>East Central</b>	<b>37238.29</b>	<b>4148.06</b>
<b>East Coast</b>	<b>23059.34</b>	<b>3138.03</b>
<b>Northern</b>	<b>43195.03</b>	<b>11612.40</b>
<b>North Central</b>	<b>18836.49</b>	<b>740.02</b>
<b>North Eastern</b>	<b>25703.77</b>	<b>5564.67</b>
<b>Northeast Frontier</b>	<b>45451.43</b>	<b>1406.82</b>
<b>North Western</b>	<b>24515.14</b>	<b>1277.35</b>
<b>Southern</b>	<b>26882.09</b>	<b>2725.70</b>
<b>South Central</b>	<b>32440.03</b>	<b>1284.49</b>
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>42589.45</b>	<b>703.16</b>
<b>South East Central</b>	<b>22146.26</b>	<b>3159.48</b>
<b>South Western</b>	<b>18470.13</b>	<b>4431.98</b>
<b>Western</b>	<b>37876.83</b>	<b>5889.07</b>
<b>West Central</b>	<b>23459.68</b>	<b>617.39</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>472155.47</b>	<b>51165.19</b>

The revenue from the leasing/licensing of Railway land for various usages and commercial purposes has been on continuous increase. The details of revenue earned during the last three years and the current year (up to June, 2017) are given below:

<b>Year</b>	<b>Revenue (₹ in Crores)</b>
<b>2014-15</b>	<b>1313</b>
<b>2015-16</b>	<b>1682</b>
<b>2016-17</b>	<b>2079</b>
<b>2017-18 (up to June, 2017)</b>	<b>266</b>

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