

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4315
TO BE ANSWERED ON 21.03.2018**

VACANT LAND

4315. SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total vacant land belonging to Railways in the country;**
- (b) whether Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) has been mandated to indentify vacant railway land or plots for leasing out for commercial exploitation;**
- (c) if so, the details of vacant land/plots identified so far and the revenue expected to be generated;**
- (d) the hurdles being faced in commercial exploitation of vacant railway land in various railway zones; and**
- (e) the steps taken to resolve the issues with State Governments/ other agencies?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4315 BY SHRI CHANDRAKANT KHAIRE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.03.2018 REGARDING VACANT LAND

(a) to (e): The vacant land available with the Railways is about 0.51 lakh hectare. This vacant land is mostly in the form of narrow strips along tracks and required for servicing and maintenance of track, bridges and other infrastructure. The vacant railway land is also utilized for execution of various infrastructural projects for meeting future growth needs of Railways which include projects like doubling/tripling, yard remodelling, Rail Coach and Component factories, etc. The vacant land, which is not required by Railways for its immediate operational need, is utilised in the interim period for commercial development through Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), wherever feasible, in order to mobilise additional financial resources. Presently, the following 54 sites measuring 189 hectare (approx.) having revenue potential of about ₹14,000 crore, where commercial development seems feasible have been entrusted to RLDA which were identified by Railway/RLDA.

S. No.	Zonal Railway	Station (Division)	Site particulars	Area (in Hectare)
1	Central	Mumbai	Lokmanya Tilak Terminus	10.40
2		Mumbai	Lokgram, Kalyan	3.65
3		Mumbai	Kurla (West)	0.13

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S. No.	Zonal Railway	Station (Division)	Site particulars	Area (in Hectare)
4	East Central	Gaya (Mughal Sarai)	Gautum Budh Institute	0.57
5		Raxaul (Samastipur)	On station approach Road	1.20
6	East Coast	Visakhapatnam (Waltair)	Daba Gardens (Ambedkar circle)	0.20
7	Northern	Delhi (Delhi)	Old steam loco shed Sarai Rohilla	15.50
8		Lucknow (Lucknow)	Lucknow Ind. Area siding, Aish Bagh,	3.54
9		Lucknow	Plot of land behind Alam Bagh-Diesel Shed, Lucknow	0.44
10		New Delhi (Delhi)	Ashok Vihar	13.26
11		Amritsar (FZR)	Near Railway Colony No.2 on Main GT Road	0.25
12		Katra (Firozpur)	Katra	4.28
13		Shimla (Ambala)	Railway Godown below Winter Field	0.35

S. No.	Zonal Railway	Station (Division)	Site particulars	Area (in Hectare)
14	North Central	Gwalior (Jhansi)	Kampoo Kothi	0.60
15		Kanpur (Allahabad)	Nirala Nagar	26.50
16		Jhansi	Jhansi East	0.67
17		Jhansi	Jhansi West	2.16
18		Etawah	Etawah	0.30
19	North Eastern	Shahamatganj (Izzatnagar)	Shahamatganj	14.68
20	Eastern	Gwaltoli/Kanpur (Izzatnagar)	Gwaltoli, Kanpur	1.52
21	Northeast Frontier	Siliguri (Katihar)	Burdwan Road	1.20
22	North Western	Ajmer	Johns Ganj	0.86
23		Ajmer	Hazari Bagh Colony	3.63
24		Bikaner	Railway Colony, Lalgarh	20.83
25		Jaipur	Loco Area	2.17
26	Southern	Chennai (Chennai)	Kakkapalam, Padi, 5kms from ICF	2.10
27		Salem (Salem)	2 plots at Salem market station	1.05
28		Nagapattinam (Tiruchirapalli)	1 plot at station	0.40

S. No.	Zonal Railway	Station (Division)	Site particulars	Area (in Hectare)
29	Southern	Villipuram (Tiruchirapalli)	3 plots at station	0.71
30		Palanthruthy (Trivandrum)	Palanthruthy (Island)	1.70
31		Chetpet (Chennai)	Chetpet	0.76
32		Chennai (Chennai)	Victoria Crecent adjacent to Ethiraj College	0.43
33		Chennai (Chennai)	Poes Garden	0.53
34		Chennai Egmore (Chennai)	Poonamallee High Road	2.00
35		Park Station (Chennai)	Park Station	0.33
36		Perambur (Chennai)	Perambur Pananthope Colony	2.00
37		Ayanavaram (Chennai)	Ayanavaram Colony	3.50
38		Tambaram (Chennai)	Tambaram	1.65
39		Tiruvottiyur (Chennai)	Tiruvottiyur	19.43
40		Waltax Road (Chennai)	Waltax Road near Basin Bridge	0.12
41	Pulianthope (Chennai)	Pulianthope	0.74	

S. No.	Zonal Railway	Station (Division)	Site particulars	Area (in Hectare)
42	South Central	Hyderabad	Nizamabad Railway Station	0.24
43		Secunderabad (Hyderabad)	Near Moulali flyover	8.90
44		Poornandampet (Vijaywada)	Near Rly Hospital	0.15
45		Aurangabad (Nanded)	Part of old ITDC Hotel	3.90
46		Guntakal (Guntakal)	In Rly Colony	0.48
47	South Western	Bangalore city (Bangalore)	On platform road	1.01
48	Western	Mumbai	Scrap Yard at Mahalaxmi	0.95
49		Mumbai (Mumbai)	Bandra(East)	4.50
50		Mumbai	Bandra(East)	0.153
51		Mumbai	Khar Colony	0.33
52		Mumbai	Bandra (West)	1.03
53	West Central Railway	Sawai Madhopur	Near GRP Thana in the circulating area	0.40
54		Kota Jn.	Near existing PF No.1 - cycle stand	0.21
			Total	188.570

The slump/lack of demand in real estate for the last few years, availability of free hold land in vicinity resulting in low interest in lease hold land and too much time taken by local authorities for change of land use and approval of plans are some of the hurdles being faced in commercial exploitation. To resolve these issues, Railways has increased the lease period up to 99 years, concentrating more on metropolitan cities having more demand of real estate and RLDA has set up some field offices outside Delhi so that issue of change in land use/approval of plans may be chased with Urban Local Bodies/State Governments on regular basis.
