

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3939
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

USE OF SURPLUS LAND

3939. SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is in the process of preparing a master plan for the commercial use of the surplus land at its disposal all over the country;**
- (b) if so, the details of surplus land with the Railways and its value thereof;**
- (c) the process by which the surplus land would be disposed of; and**
- (d) the likely amount to be generated as a result thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3939 BY SHRI GNANATHIRAVIAM S. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2019 REGARDING USE OF SURPLUS LAND.

(a) and (d): Indian Railways has about 0.51 lakh hectares of vacant land (not surplus) out of total land of 4.73 lakh hectares. The details of vacant railway land zone-wise are given below:

(Figures in hectares)

Zonal Railway	Vacant Land
Central	2022.03
Eastern	2110.49
East Central	4094.75
East Coast	3011.28
Northern	11438.69
North Central	735.11
North Eastern	5564.67
Northeast Frontier	1410.45
North Western	1277.35
Southern	2741.44
South Central	1276.58
South Eastern	464.76
South East Central	3142.72
South Western	4662.15
Western	6258.54
West Central	617.45
Total	50828.46

The vacant land is mostly in the form of narrow strips along tracks and is utilized for servicing and maintenance of track, bridges, other infrastructure and execution of various infrastructural projects for meeting future growth needs of Railways. The vacant land is also utilized for ancillary logistic support/infrastructure such as bulk oil installations and oil depots, steel yards, concrete sleeper plants, connectivity to private sidings, connectivity to ports, etc., for which land is leased/licensed. Vacant Railway land not required by Railways for its immediate future operational needs is also leased through open, transparent and competitive bidding for commercial/property development in interim period wherever feasible through Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), in order to mobilize additional financial resources. As on date, 63 sites measuring 224 Hectare (approximately) have been entrusted to RLDA with a likely revenue potential of about ₹10,000 Crores.
