

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4649
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.03.2023**

LEASING OUT OF RAILWAY LAND IN KANNUR

4649. SHRI KUMBAKUDI SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has decided to lease out railway land in Kannur to private stakeholders;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with area in acres and time period of lease;**
- (c) whether the Government had consulted all stakeholders in Kannur and public representatives before taking the decision to lease out railway land;**
- (d) if so, the reasons for leasing out railway land in Kannur;**
- (e) whether the Government is aware that both sides of Kannur railway station has major road network and future expansion of railway tracks will become impossible if existing railway land is leased out;**
- (f) whether the Government is aware that there are three oil tanks operational within this railway land and leasing the nearby land poses a threat to the entire region; and**
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): Indian Railways have entrusted 6.27 acres of Railway land at

Kannur to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) for colony redevelopment out of which 4.93 acres of railway land has been granted on lease for 45 years by RLDA for commercial development including redevelopment of railway colony in the remaining area. In this process, RLDA has consulted Kannur Municipal Corporation. The surplus railway land which is not required for operational purpose in near future is entrusted to RLDA for commercial development. The three oil tanks of Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL) exists at Shoranur (SRR) end of Kannur yard. Railway has already advised BPCL to shift their oil tanks for taking up yard remodelling works. Further, the land development works are undertaken by taking necessary clearances from local authorities.
