

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1780  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

**ENCROACHMENT OF RAILWAY LAND**

**1780. SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY:**

**SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY:**

**DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI:**

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

**(a) whether the Railways has decided to maximise the utility of its prime lands abutting railway stations by replacing decades-old sparsely distributed buildings with multi storey structures as city centres and master plans are being prepared for station development across the railway network;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof;**

**(c) whether the constructions in and around such stations are presently filled with several decades-old low-height buildings and are sparsely distributed;**

**(d) if so, the details of such lands identified and progress made, zone-wise, especially in SCR;**

**(e) whether in view of the prime location of the station with respect to the city, it provides an opportunity to go for dense utilisation and redevelop the entire area in such a manner that the whole place becomes much more useful for the citizens and in turn brings value to railways; and**

**(f) if so, whether the station also becomes the 'City Centre' and encroachment of vacant railway lands can be stopped and if so, the details thereof/progress made in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1780 BY SHRI MANNE SRINIVAS REDDY, SHRI Y.S. AVINASH REDDY AND DR. PON GAUTHAM SIGAMANI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2023 REGARDING ENCROACHMENT OF RAILWAY LAND**

**(a) to (f) Ministry of Railways has launched 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme' for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. This scheme envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long-term approach.**

**It involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free Wi-Fi, kiosks for local products through schemes like 'One Station One Product', better passenger information systems, Executive Lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station.**

**The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for Divyangjans, sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks, 'Roof Plazas' as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term so that the whole place becomes much more useful for the citizens.**

**Under the Scheme, 1309 stations across Indian Railways including 119 stations in South Central Railway have been identified for upgradation/modernisation over Indian Railways. Encroachment related issues are handled on case to case basis as per the ground conditions.**

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