

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2838
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2023**

ENCROACHMENT OF RAILWAY LAND BY SLUM DWELLERS

**2838. SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU:
DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE:
SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways has any details of the total land of Railways in the country at present;**
- (b) if so, the details in this regard, State-wise, particularly in Odisha and Maharashtra;**
- (c) whether the Indian Railways has made any assessment of railway land encroached by slums at present;**
- (d) if so, details thereof, State-wise;**
- (e) the number of slum dwellers who were removed from railway land since the announcement of PMAY so far in various States, State-wise; and**
- (f) the number of slum dwellers in various States rehabilitated after being removed from railway land since the announcement of PMAY, State-wise?**

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2838 BY SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU, DR. PRITAM GOPINATHRAO MUNDE, SHRI RAHUL RAMESH SHEWALE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.12.2023 REGARDING ENCROACHMENT OF RAILWAY LAND BY SLUM DWELLERS.

(a) and (b): As on 31.03.2023, the total land in possession of Indian Railways is about 4.88 lakh hectares. The Railways do not maintain state-wise details of vacant Railway land. Zone-wise/PU's details of railway land which include States of Odisha and Maharashtra which falls under Western Railway, Central Railway, East Coast Railway, South Eastern Railway and South East Central Railway are as under:

(Figures in hectares)

Zonal Railway	Total Land
Central	29421.63
Eastern	21082.35
East Central	37462.29
East Coast	22959.58
Northern	45518.09
North Central	19352.98
North Eastern	25646.55
Northeast Frontier	48468.82
North Western	26918.26
Southern	26952.68
South Central	32679.08
South Eastern	42850.93
South East Central	23085.23
South Western	19893.10
Western	38273.83
West Central	23657.40

Metro	150.27
Production Units	3963.76
Total	488336.82

(c) and (d) As on 31.03.2023, around 810.71 Hectare (0.17%) of Railway land is under encroachment in various Railway zones of the country. The state - wise details are not maintained by Railway. However, the zone - wise details of encroached land which also includes slums are as given below:

Railway	Land under Encroachment as on 31.03.2023 (in Hectare)
Central	49.52
Eastern	55.27
East Central	0.78
East Coast	16.79
Northern	154.53
North Central	40.82
North Eastern	23.31
Northeast Frontier	92.32
North Western	18.34
Southern	55.15
South Central	13.79
South Eastern	140.43
Southeast Central	41.41
South Western	16.26
Western	49.45
West Central	36.23
Production Units	6.30
Total	810.71

(e) and (f): The state-wise details of removal of encroachment are not maintained. The zone - wise details of numbers of encroachments which includes slum dwellers, removed from Railway land during the last three years and upto Nov,2023 are as under:-

Zonal Railways	Nos. of encroachments removed
Central	1634
Eastern	3955
East Central	4285
East Coast	1701
Northern	853
North Central	220
North Eastern	5771
Northeast Frontier	219
North Western	0
Southern	384
South Central	350
South Eastern	268
Southeast Central	247
South Western	0
Western	2525
West Central	216
Total	22628
