

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.495
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.09.2020**

USER FEE

495. SHRI BENNY BEHANAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways plans to charge a user fee from its passengers;**
- (b) if so, the rationale for the same as unlike airports, most railway stations have been built during British Raj; and**
- (c) the plans of Railways to utilize its large land bank for commercial purposes instead of adding more burden on passengers like user fee, etc?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (c): A Group of Secretaries (GoS) was constituted for redevelopment and modernisation of railway stations to provide better safety, passenger amenities and services. The GoS inter-alia suggested the levy of a nominal user fee for redevelopment of stations, which is presently under consideration.
