

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1749
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

UTILISATION OF LAND AVAILABLE WITH RAILWAY

1749. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR HANSDAK :

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total land available with the Railways along with the details of land under encroachment and land used for commercial purposes;**
- (b) the details of the revenue generated by the Railways from the use of land and spaces for commercial purposes since 2014, year-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government has any plans for making unused railway land available for social/sports purposes; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

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(a) to (d) A total of about 4.90 lakh hectare of land is owned by Indian Railway out of which about 0.22% (1078 hectare) of railway land is under encroachment and about 1 % (4930 hectare) railway land is under utilization for commercial purposes including land entrusted to RLDA for commercial utilisation.

Year-wise details of the revenue generated by the Railways from the use of land and spaces for commercial purposes since 2014 are as under:

| Financial Year | Revenue Generated (in crores) |
|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 2014-15 | 1056.62 |
| 2015-16 | 1410.66 |
| 2016-17 | 1515.97 |
| 2017-18 | 3833.88 |
| 2018-19 | 1438.90 |
| 2019-20 | 2104.44 |
| 2020-21 | 1733.24 |
| 2021-22 | 1745.56 |
| 2022-23 | 2379.66 |
| 2023-24 | 2699.87 |
| 2024-25 | 3129.49 |

As per extant policies, Indian Railways permit use of its land for social infrastructure like hospitals, Kendriya Vidyalayas for period up to 60 years @ Re 1 per sqm per annum. The temporary licensing of railway land for cultural and sports activities is permitted for a period up to 4 months. Indian Railways has also entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with Sports Authority of India for development of sports facilities at Cooch Bihar.
