

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 502
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025

USE OF RAILWAY LANDS IN TIRUCHIRAPPALLI

502. SHRI DURAI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Tiruchirappalli district especially in Ponmalai holds one of the largest land assets under Indian Railways second only to Chennai in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Government has taken any steps to assess and utilise these vast land holdings in Trichy for commercial development, railway-related infrastructure, logistics hubs or public amenities and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any roadmap for unlocking the economic and strategic potential of these underutilised railway lands in Tiruchirappalli and if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether the Government considers establishing new industrial parks, skill training centres or railway townships in these unused areas and if so, the details thereof along with timeline for said developments?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d): Land available with Railway is utilized for augmentation and creation of infrastructure like multitracking, freight terminals, maintenance facilities, etc. required from operational considerations.

The vacant land which is not required for operational purposes in near future is entrusted to Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) for commercial utilization.

Ponmalai area in Tiruchirappalli city have major maintenance and operational facilities on Indian Railways. Presently, many infrastructures related projects have been taken up on about 114 acres of this land. Further, about 244 acres of Railway land has been identified for future developmental works.

In addition, RLDA has also been entrusted about 11.62 acres of land for commercial utilization in Tiruchirappalli area.
