

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 479
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2026**

MONETISATION OF RAILWAY ASSETS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government is considering a plan to monetise assets worth Rs. 1.4 lakh crore by recycling railway estates and land parcels through leasing and public-private partnerships under the National Monetisation Pipeline 2.0 during the Financial Years 2026-2030; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the steps being taken thereon?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.479 TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2026 IN LOK SABHA

(a) & (b): The vacant railway land, which is not required by Railways for its immediate operational needs, is entrusted to RLDA by the Ministry of Railways. This land is utilized for commercial development, wherever feasible, to mobilize additional financial resources as non-fare revenues. The sites are mainly entrusted for the purposes of commercial development, colony redevelopment etc.

So far, about 1,308 hectares of railway land has been entrusted to the Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) for commercial development, colony redevelopment etc.

Out of 1,308 Ha land, about 220 Ha of railway land has been leased for commercial development at the total amount of Rs 20,655 Cr. so far (till Feb 2026), RLDA has earned revenue of approx. 7,053 Cr.

Further efforts include promoting Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) around major stations. Multi-Modal Transport Hub (MMTH) concept is also being leveraged to utilise the potential of additional permissible built-up space for commercial use.

In addition following measures have also been taken by Indian Railways to increase Non-fare Revenue (NFR):

- (i) Advertisement through Rail Display Network (RDN) at stations.**
- (ii) Advertisement through Out of Home (OOH) Policy.**
- (iii) Advertisement on Mobile Assets like coaches and inside/exterior surfaces of trains and locomotives.**
- (iv) Innovative solutions to enhance passengers' satisfaction, like Provision for sleeping pods, single-brand premium Outlet, Kiosk for providing facility for booking auto & Taxis, providing E-Wheel chair facility on a payment basis, Health Kiosk, and medical store to sell Generic medicines.**

In 2025-26 (till Feb.), the total Non-fare revenue (Sundry Earnings) of Indian Railways is Rs. 9,474 cr. which is about 3.9% of Railways' total receipts.
