

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that IRCTC has made arrangement with all airlines in this regard; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has been selling air tickets at its website since 6.5.2010 as a white label arrangement with a backend content provider. However, now IRCTC has launched air ticketing website on its own since 7.5.2012. This initiative has been taken to improve customer satisfaction and provide a seamless passenger movement over various modes of transport. IRCTC has developed in house air ticketing module for booking tickets for domestic and international airlines through website [irctc.co.in](http://irctc.co.in) and [railtourismindia.com](http://railtourismindia.com).

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) IRCTC now has directly entered into agreement with the major airlines and the low cost carriers in the country like Air India, Jet Airways, Kingfisher, Spicejet, Indigo and Go Air. Initially, the customer will be able to book tickets for these airlines for domestic travel and later the international airlines for international travel.

#### **Revenue earned through passengers**

†4766. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

SHRI RAMCHANDRA PRASAD SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that more passengers have travelled in Railways during 2011-12 than in 2010-11;
- (b) if so, the facts in this regard and the number thereof in 2011-12 and the increase in number of passengers in comparison to previous year;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that more revenue has been earned as compared to increased number of passengers during the above said years; and
- (d) if so, the quantum of revenue earned?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Number of passengers who travelled during 2011-12 was 8,306 millions (Provisional) as compared to 7,651 millions during 2010-11 registering an increase of 655 millions (8.56%).

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. During 2011-12, Passenger revenue was Rs. 28,267.90 crores (approx) as compared to Rs. 25,792.63 crores during 2010-11.

**Leasing out vacant/unused railway land**

4161. DR. JANARDHAN WAGHMARE:

SHRI N. K. SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of vacant/unused land in the country under Railways, zone-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that Railways propose to give such land on lease;

(c) if so, the details thereof including the criteria adopted/eligibility conditions laid down for the applicants for such lease;

(d) the details of such land given on lease during last three years and revenue earned therefrom, zone-wise; and

(e) the details of other steps being taken by Railways for commercial utilisation of such vacant/unused land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BHARATSINH SOLANKI): (a) to (e) Indian Railways have approx 10.65 lakh acres of land. About 90% of this land is under railways operational and allied usages. The total vacant railway land at present is about 1.13 lakh acre. Zone-wise details of vacant land are as shown below:

Railway	Vacant land (in acres)
1	2
Central	6188
Eastern	3792
East Central	8620
East Coast	4707
Northern	9489