

(c) Third Party Survey of on-board customer satisfaction was done in Oct-Nov, 2013 and March, 2014 in Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) managed Rajdhani and Duronto trains and the scores achieved were 82% and 83% respectively.

**Land property in possession of railways**

480. SHRI SHANTARAM NAIK: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total land property in possession of Railways, State-wise or zone-wise;
- (b) the approximate value thereof;
- (c) whether any policy has been prepared for utilisation of the same;
- (d) whether foreign investors are going to be allowed to use this land; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) The total area of land under Railway network is 457689 hectare out of which approx. 47336 hectare is vacant. The vacant land too is mostly in the form of narrow strips along tracks, which is required for servicing and maintenance of track and other infrastructure. The vacant railway land is also utilized for execution of various infrastructural projects for meeting future growth needs of Railways and include projects like doubling, traffic facilities, Rail Coach and Component factories, etc. The vacant land, which is not required by Railways for its immediate operational needs, is utilized for commercial development, wherever feasible, in order to mobilize additional financial resources through Rail Land Development Authority. As most of the Railway land is occupied by Railway track and other operational/administrative infrastructure, value of the land is not assessed. However, Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA) assesses the value of land which is entrusted to RLDA through market study for its commercial developmental purpose. Zone-wise details of Railway land are as under:

Railway	Total Railway land (in hectares)
Central	28377
Eastern	20950
East Central	36299
East Coast	13145
Northern	41463
North Central	17753

Railway	Total Railway land (in hectares)
North Eastern	25644
Northeast Frontier	44928
North Western	24895
Southern	26296
South Central	32374
South Eastern	42113
Southeast Central	21921
South Western	17592
Western	36646
West Central	23256
Production Units	4037
TOTAL	457689

- (d) Presently there is no policy to allow foreign investors to use railway land.
- (e) Does not arise.

#### Modernisation of railway stations

†481. SHRI RAMDAS ATHAWALE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the amount of money allocated during last three years and current financial year till date, zone-wise, for modernisation of railway stations in the country, especially those situated in backward and rural areas;
- (b) the amount of money to be spent for each railway station separately; and
- (c) the targets set for modernisation of railway stations where work is in progress?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Modernisation of railway stations is a continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken depending upon need and volume of the passenger traffic. Station wise details of funds allocated/spent are not maintained. The expenditure on works of modernisation of stations is generally funded under Plan Head - 'Passenger Amenities'. The zone-wise allocation/expenditure under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities' on Indian Railways, also covering stations which are situated in backward and rural areas, during the last three years and the current year is as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.