

Mechanised laundries have been set up at 61 locations on Indian Railways for improving the quality of washing of bed linen.

Regular and random checks are carried out by railway officials for ensuring cleanliness of coaches and bed rolls.

Provision of catering service (food and drinking water) in trains running as Summer Special is made through static catering units at stations en-route. These include Catering Stalls, Food Plazas, Fast Food Units etc. In addition, Water Vending Machines are also opened at certain stations. Passengers can also avail of e-catering services offered by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). Regular and surprise inspections are conducted by railway officials to check quality of food over Indian Railways.

#### **Unutilized land of Railways**

115. DR. ANIL AGRAWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total area of land lying unutilized/vacant under Railways, zone-wise and the manner in which Railways propose to utilize the said vacant land;

(b) the details of commercial utilization of land, including land given on lease by Railways/Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise;

(c) the details of revenues generated from such commercial utilization/lease of railway land/real estate by Railways/RLDA during the last three years, year-wise and zone-wise; and

(d) whether Railways propose to utilize huge area of vacant land in Uttar Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) to (d) As on 31.03.2018, Indian Railways has about 0.51 lakh hectare (approximately) of vacant land. This vacant land is mostly in the form of narrow strips along tracks and utilized for servicing and maintenance of track, bridges and other infrastructure. The vacant land is also utilized for execution of various infrastructural projects for meeting future growth needs of Railways which include projects like doubling/tripling and traffic facilities works, etc. Railways' operations also necessarily require development of ancillary logistic support/infrastructure such as bulk oil installations and oil depots, steel yards, concrete sleeper plants, coal dumps, connectivity to private sidings, connectivity to ports and other infrastructure,

commercial plots, vending stalls, etc. for which land is leased/licensed. Zone-wise details/ data of vacant land are as under:-

(figures in hectares)

Zonal Railway	Vacant Land
Central	2022.03
Eastern	2110.49
East Central	4094.75
East Coast	3011.28
Northern	11438.69
North Central	735.11
North Eastern	5564.67
North East Frontier	1410.45
North Western	1277.35
Southern	2741.44
South Central	1276.58
South Eastern	464.76
South East Central	3142.72
South Western	4662.15
Western	6258.54
West Central	617.45
TOTAL	50828.46

The vacant land, which is not required by Railways (inclusive of vacant land in Uttar Pradesh) for its immediate operational needs, is utilized in the interim period for commercial development through Rail Land Development Authority (RLDA), wherever feasible, in order to mobilize additional financial resources. Presently, 62 sites measuring 219 hectare (approx.) where commercial development seems feasible have been entrusted to RLDA.

Zone-wise details of these 62 sites where commercial development seems feasible have been entrusted to RLDA is as under:-

Zonal Railway	Site particulars	Area (in Ha.)	State
1	2	3	4
Central Railway	Lokmanya Tilak Terminus	10.40	Maharashtra
	Lokgram, Kalyan	3.65	Maharashtra
	Kurla (West)	0.13	Maharashtra
Eastern Railway	Bijoli Quarters area, Liluah	1.66	West Bengal
East Central Railway	Strachey Road Colony, Liluah	0.93	West Bengal
	Gautum Budh Institute, Gaya	0.57	Bihar
	On station approach Road, Raxaul	1.20	Bihar
East Coast Railway	Daba Gardens (Ambedkar circle), Vishakapatnam	0.20	A.P.
	Shakurbasti (Old Rohtak Road), Delhi	17.90	Delhi
	Old steam loco shed Sarai Rohilla	15.27	Delhi
	Lucknow Ind. Area siding, Aish Bagh	3.54	U.P.
Northern Railway	Plot of land behind Alam Bagh-Diesel Shed, Lucknow	0.44	U.P.
	Ashok Vihar	13.26	Delhi
	Near Railway Colony No.2 on Main GT Road, Amritsar	0.59	Punjab
	Katra	1.50	J&K
	Railway Godown below Winter Field, Shimla	0.35	HP
	Kampoo Kothi, Gwalior	0.60	MP
	Nirala Nagar, Kanpur	39.0	UP
North Central Railway	Jhansi East	0.67	UP
	Jhansi West	2.16	UP
	Etawah	0.30	UP

1	2	3	4
	Gwaltoli, Kanpur	1.52	UP
North Eastern Railway	Shahamatganj	14.68	UP
North Western Railway	Johns Ganj, Ajmer	0.86	Rajasthan
	Hazari Bagh Colony, Ajmer	7.30	Rajasthan
	Railway Colony, Lalgah	6.00	Rajasthan
	Loco Area, Jaipur	2.17	Rajasthan
Southern Railway	Kakkapalam, Padi, 5kms. from ICF	2.10	Tamil Nadu
	1 plot at station, Nagapatinam	0.40	Tamil Nadu
	2 plots at station, Salem Market Station	0.71	Tamil Nadu
	Palanthruthy (Island)	1.70	Kerala
Southern Railway	Chetpet, Chennai	0.76	Tamil Nadu
	Victoria Crecent adjacent to Ethiraj College, Chennai	0.43	Tamil Nadu
	Poes Garden, Chennai	0.53	Tamil Nadu
	Park Station, Chennai	0.33	Tamil Nadu
	Perambur Pananthope Colony, Chennai	2.00	Tamil Nadu
	Ayanavaram Colony, Chennai	3.50	Tamil Nadu
	Tambaram, Chennai	1.65	Tamil Nadu
	Tiruvottiyur, Chennai	19.43	Tamil Nadu
	Waltax Road near Basin Bridge, Chennai	0.12	Tamil Nadu
	Pulianthope, Chennai	0.74	Tamil Nadu
South Central Railway	Nizamabad Railway Station	0.24	Telangana
	Near Moulali flyover, Secunderabad	8.90	Telangana

1	2	3	4
	Near Rly Hospital, Poornandampet	0.13	Andhra Pradesh
	Part of old ITDC Hotel, Aurangabad	3.90	Maharashtra
	In Rly Colony, Guntkal	0.48	Andhra Pradesh
	Park (Millennium park) opposite Rail Kalyan near Mettuguda Metro Station, Hyderabad	0.96	Telangana
	MMTS Station - Lakdi Ka Pul	0.74	Andhra Pradesh
	MMTS Station - Sanjeevaiah Park	0.40	Andhra Pradesh
	Lancer lines opposite (OCO Compound) behind Officers Rest House. Opposite to Appollo Hospital, Hyderabad	0.441	Telangana
	Lancer Barracks premises, Hyderabad	0.86	Telangana
	Opposite to FA&CAO/T' s office complex (Lekha Bhawan), Hyderabad	1.90	Telangana
South Western Railway	On platform road, Bangalore City	1.01	Karnataka
	MTS Colony, Karwar Road, Hubli	6.00	Karnataka
Western Railway	Scrap Yard at Mahalaxmi	0.95	Maharashtra
	Bandra (East)	4.30	Maharashtra
	Bandra (East)-II	0.15	Maharashtra
	Khar Colony	0.33	Maharashtra
	Bandra (West)	1.03	Maharashtra

1	2	3	4
	Mahim	4.24	Maharashtra
West Central Railway	Near GRP Thana in the circulating area, Sawai Madhopur	0.40	Rajasthan
	Near existing PF No. 1 - cycle stand, Kota Junction	0.21	Rajasthan
TOTAL		218.821	

*Details of Commercial Utilization of land (including Multi Functional Complexes) by RLDA during the last three years, zone-wise and year-wise*

Year	Sl. No.	Zonal Railway	Site particulars	Area
2016-17	1.	Northern Railway	Bareilly, Moradabad	871 sqm
	2.	Eastern Railway	Diamond Harbour, Sealdah	250 sqm
	3.	Eastern Railway	Naihati, Sealdah	520 sqm
	4.	Eastern Railway	Asansol	4888 sqm
2017-18	5.	East Central Railway	On station approach Road, Raxaul	1.20 ha
	6.	Western Railway	FJandra(East)-II	0.15 ha
	7.	Southern Railway	Kakkapalam, Padi, 5 kms from ICF, Chennai	2.1 ha
	8.	West Central Railway	Sawai Madhopur Near GRP Thana in the circulating area	0.40 ha
	9.	Eastern Railway	Barrackpore, Sealdah	558 sqm
	10.	Eastern Railway	Bolpur, Howrah	391 sqm
	11.	Northern Railway	Dehradun	1881.1
	12.	Northeast Frontier	Dibrugarh	500 sqm
	13.	Northeast Frontier	Katihar	1025.5
	14.	North Central Railway	Orai, Jhansi	2000 sqm
	15.	Eastern Railway	Bhagalpur	881 sqm
	16.	North Eastern Railway	Gorakhpur	3615 sqm

1	2	3	4	5
2018-19	17.	Eastern Railway	Kalyani, Sealdah	1300 sqm
	18.	East Coast Railway	Sambalpur	400 sqm
	19.	Southern Railway	2 plots at station, Villipuram	0.71 ha
	20.	Southern Railway	Waltax Road near Basin Bridge	0.12 ha
	21.	Northern Railway	Shimla (Railway Godown below Winter Field)	0.35 ha
	22.	North Western Railway	Hazari Bagh Colony, Ajmer	7.30 ha
	23.	North Western Railway	Johns Ganj, Ajmer	0.86 ha
	24.	North Central Railway	Kampu Kothi, Gwalior	0.60 ha
	25.	North Central Railway	Jhansi (East)	0.67 ha
	26.	South Central Railway	Nanded	1500 sqm
	27.	Western Railway	Neemach	1068 sqm
	28.	East Central Railway	Sasaram	2000 sqm
	29.	East Central Railway	Hajipur	1950 sqm
	30.	Eastern Railway	Deoghar	283.5 sqm

*Details of Revenue generated from Commercial Utilization/Lease of Railway Land by RLDA in last three years, zone-wise and year-wise*

(₹ in thousand )

Sl. No.	Railway	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1	2	3	4	5
1.	CR	11674	29222	24985
2.	ECOR	0	950	20
3.	ECR	19984	37427	108136
4.	ER	786	53155	30812
5.	NCR	14635	52256	124890
6.	NER	0	0	21600
7.	NFR	225	5848	1763

1	2	3	4	5
8.	NR	17404	38799	58547
9.	NWR	10962	10947	167030
10.	SCR	51694	1140	78462
11.	SECR	8817	7430	5414
12.	SER	0	900	963
13.	SR	12090	22424	157363
14.	SWR	10496	13665	23880
15.	WCR	45521	39957	3909
16.	WR	18641	34398	61304
TOTAL		2,22,929	3,48,519	8,69,077

#### Alternative bullet train routes

116. DR. AMEE YAJNIK:

SHRI HUSSAIN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has done a thorough assessment on alternative routes for the construction of Bullet train passage, if so, the details of other routes and reasons for their abandonment, if not, the reasons therefor;

(b) whether budget was allocated for compensation of displaced citizens, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether alternative places have been marked for their dislocation settlement, if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) whether the Ministry plans to reinstate the loss to flora and fauna, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) A Joint Feasibility Study for Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Railway (MAHSR) Corridor was done by Japan International Cooperation Agency and Ministry of Railways, Government of India. Three alternative alignments were assessed in the report, as under:-