

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2039
ANSWERED ON 12.03.2021

EVICITION OF SLUM HOUSES FROM RAILWAY TRACKS IN DELHI

2039. SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways would evict 48000 slum houses along railway lines in Delhi, if so, the actions that have already been taken to evict these families;
- (b) if so, the rehabilitation plan for the families;
- (c) whether Railways have done any assessment of the number of slum clusters and slum dwellers along railway lines in Delhi; and
- (d) if so, the district-wise details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND

CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b): Hon'ble Supreme Court in its order dated 31.08.2020 in Writ Petition(s) No.(s)13029/1985 issued in the context of piling up of the waste/garbage by the sides of railway tracks in Delhi has directed for preparation of a comprehensive plan for removal of jhuggis present along the railway track and removal of encroachments in the safety zone in the region of National Capital Territory of Delhi.

In its order Hon'ble Supreme Court has not made rehabilitation of encroachers as precondition for removing encroachments. Moreover, rehabilitation on railway land is not feasible due to railway safety constraints/operational requirements. Housing being a State subject, the State Government or the Urban Local Body should provide alternative sites for settlement. Accordingly, Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB) under Government

of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) has been requested to accommodate encroachers of railway land in vacant/under construction houses funded under Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JnNURM)/ Rajiv Awas Yojana (RAY) as Affordable Rental Housing Complex Scheme.

(c) & (d): Survey of slum clusters and slum dwellers along Railway lines in Delhi has been done by Delhi Urban Shelter Improvement Board (DUSIB). District-wise details of slum clusters and slum dwellers along Railway lines in Delhi is as under:-

District	No of encroachments
Central Delhi	10887
East Delhi	5575
New Delhi	100
North Delhi	12980
North East Delhi	3500
South Delhi	4678
South East Delhi	4910
South West Delhi	920
West Delhi	4450
Total	48000
