

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 455  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2019**

**ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND**

**†\*455. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE :  
MS. ANNPURNA DEVI :**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether encroachment on railway land is still prevailing and if so, the details thereof as on date, zone-wise;**
- (b) the problems being faced by the Government in removing such encroachments;**
- (c) whether such encroachments are reportedly taking place in collusion with the Railway officials and if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and**
- (d) the corrective steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 455 BY SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE AND MS. ANNPURNA DEVI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2019 REGARDING ENCROACHMENT ON RAILWAY LAND**

**(a) to (d): As on 31.03.2019, out of 4.78 lakh hectare land available with Indian Railways, approximately 821.46 hectare land (0.17%) is under encroachment. Zone-wise details maintained by Railways are as under:-**

<b>Zonal Railway</b>	<b>Land under encroachment (in Hectares)</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>56.10</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>20.52</b>
<b>East Central</b>	<b>1.71</b>
<b>East Coast</b>	<b>13.95</b>
<b>Northern</b>	<b>183.10</b>
<b>North Central</b>	<b>41.49</b>
<b>North Eastern</b>	<b>25.38</b>
<b>Northeast Frontier</b>	<b>95.00</b>
<b>North Western</b>	<b>18.38</b>
<b>Southern</b>	<b>55.42</b>
<b>South Central</b>	<b>16.43</b>
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>141.75</b>
<b>South East Central</b>	<b>43.57</b>
<b>South Western</b>	<b>16.26</b>
<b>Western</b>	<b>51.94</b>
<b>West Central</b>	<b>34.73</b>
<b>Production Units</b>	<b>5.74</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>821.46</b>

**As and when any complaint against any Railway official related to encroachment is received, the matter is investigated. If any involvement of the official is found, appropriate action is taken by following the prescribed procedure.**

**For prevention/removal of encroachments, Railways carry out regular surveys of encroachment and take action for their removal. If the encroachments are of temporary nature (soft encroachments) in the shape of jhuggies, jhopris and squatters, the same are removed in consultation with and the assistance of Railway Protection Force and local civil authorities. For old encroachments, where party is not amenable to persuasion, action is taken under Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971 (PPE Act, 1971), as amended from time to time. Actual eviction of unauthorized occupants is carried out with the assistance of State Government and police.**

**Railways face problem in removal of encroachments because most of the encroachers approach the Court before the final eviction. Where large numbers of encroachments are involved at one location, during eviction there is resistance from encroachers creating law and order problem.**

**Despite these problems, Railways is actively involved in removal of encroachment from Railways land. Due to continuous efforts, during the past three years(2016 to 2018), a total of 58.01 Hectare of Railways land, has been retrieved from encroachment.**

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