

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES  
DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2590**  
**TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2017**

**Illegal squatters at HEC, Ranchi**

2590. SHRI SANJIV KUMAR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a large tract of land belonging to Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC) at Ranchi has been illegally occupied;
- (b) if so, the details of total amount of such illegal occupation;
- (c) what steps are being taken to evict the illegal squatters; and
- (d) by when the HEC is expected to be able to evict the illegal squatters?

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND  
PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI BABUL SUPRIYO)**

(a): Heavy Engineering Corporation (HEC), Ranchi was provided 7199.51 acres of land by the erstwhile Govt. of Bihar and deed of conveyance was signed on 26.02.1996.

HEC has informed that encroachment on its land started way back in 80's and continued till 2004.

(b): HEC, has reported that as per the digital survey conducted by the Company in 2016, about 379.91 acres of land is under encroachment / illegal occupation of outsiders.

(c): HEC, had reported that since 2005 onwards, following major steps have been taken by the Company for eviction of encroached land :-

- i). Pursuant to Order passed by the Estate Officer, under Public Premises (Evacuation of Unauthorized Occupation) Act, 1971, for evacuation of 34.33 acres of land, occupied by 422 encroachers, Company initiated the process of eviction in 2011, apart from various efforts made earlier by the Company.
- ii). In the light of Hon'ble Jharkhand High Court's order dated 08.04.2011, again, Company carried out the eviction drive to clear encroachment.
- iii). Company also filed IA in the Hon'ble High Court, Jharkhand seeking Hon'ble Court's intervention in getting the encroachment cleared so as to transfer this 354.25 acres of land to Govt. of Jharkhand (GoJ) as per decision of the GoI .

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- iv). Hon'ble High Court, Jharkhand in its order dated 06.02.2012 had given direction to the State Administration for deployment of Magistrate and providing adequate number of police force along with women force to HEC for carrying out the anti-encroachment drive.
- v). Subsequent to the said order dated 06.02.2012 of the Hon'ble High Court Jharkhand, Company has been conducting eviction drive with the help of District Administration of Ranchi,
- vi). A demolition / eviction drive was also conducted in May 2017 in a market area with the help of District Administration of Ranchi.
- vii). In addition, necessary legal actions as deemed fit against the squatters are also taken by the Company from time to time.

(d): Eviction of the illegal squatters from the encroached land is subject to adequate assistance from District Law & Order Authority. No clear time frame can be given in this regard.

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