

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1172
ANSWERED ON:02.03.2000
CLEANING OF BUCKINGHAM CANAL
T.T.V. DHINAKARAN

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways had undertaken to remove the debris from the Buckingham canal running in Chennai alongwith the Metro Rapid Transit System and;

(b) if so, the steps taken to clean the canal?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways
(SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) & (b) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1172 BY SHRI T.T.V.DHINAKARAN TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2000 REGARDING CLEANING OF BUCKINGHAM CANAL.

(a) & (b) Four station buildings at Chepauk, Tiruvallikeni, Light House and Tirumailai were constructed by the side of the Buckingham Canal. As a result, some construction debris got accumulated over the canal. Railways have agreed to remove the construction debris from the Buckingham Canal by the side of these 4 stations only and not for the whole canal. The work of removal of debris has been completed at Chepauk, Light House and Tirumailai station. As hutments are encroaching into the Canal at Tiruvallikeni station, the Tamilnadu Slum Clearance Board have been requested to remove the hutments and the work of clearing the construction debris, etc. at this station has been handed over to the State Government Public Works Department. For this purpose, an amount of Rs.11.95 lakhs has been deposited on 23.7.98 with the Tamilnadu State Public Works Department.