

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FACILITIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware that the railways stations especially in tribal areas of Gujarat have severe crisis of drinking water and the quality of water is also low;
- (b) whether the Government have conducted/propose to conduct any survey in this regard, particularly in Western railways in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (d): The general availability of water in the tribal areas of Gujarat is satisfactory. However, there may be occasional short supplies because of electrical load shedding by State Electricity Board, short supply of water by Municipalities, equipment breakdowns, etc. Drinking water, supplied at all Railway stations in Gujarat, is potable water. At all stations, water is supplied from either Railways' own sources or from outside sources like municipality, etc. after chlorination to ensure that drinking water is safe. Also, requirement vis-à-vis availability of water at various stations is reviewed every year ahead of the summer season and necessary action taken to ensure adequate supply of water.