

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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BASIC AMENITIES ON PLATFORMS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government are aware that more than 75% of platforms need basic amenities on sanitary consideration;
- (b) if so, whether the platforms short and narrow, have been surveyed so far;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and
- (d) if not, the steps taken to rectify them and provide basic amenities at these platforms?

**Answer**

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

(a)to(d): Railways have been able to provide minimum essential passenger amenities in qualitative terms as per the laid down norms, like availability of water, toilets etc. at stations including the platforms.

The deficiencies, wherever existing, are in quantitative terms. For example, 10 taps may be available at a station as against requirement of 12 etc. Railways are endeavouring to make up for these quantitative deficiencies also.

The length of platforms are provided/ extended based on length of longest stopping train at the station and such works are accordingly proposed in Annual Works Programme. On some stations, the width of the platform is less than the prescribed norms. This is mostly unavoidable because of the space constraints imposed by the yard layout. However, such platforms are also widened whenever yards are remodelled for operational requirements. Such works are identified and prioritized Railway-wise and not State-wise.