

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1746
ANSWERED ON:28.11.2002
SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether it is a fact that pure drinking water is not being supplied at railway stations across the country;
- (b) If so, the steps taken by the railway health authorities for improving the quality of water being supplied at railway stations;
- (c) Whether periodic inspections and water quality testing is being done at all railway stations;
- (d) If so, the findings of the last inspection of water being supplied at railway stations across the country; and
- (e) The details of steps proposed to be taken to improve the quality of water in future?

Answer

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

- (a) No, Sir. (Drinking water of potable quality is supplied at Railway stations).
- (b) to (e). A statement is attached

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.: 1746 BY SHRI BRAHMANAIAH, TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.11.2002 REGARDING SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER.

All efforts are made to supply drinking water of potable quality at Railway Stations. The quality of drinking water is regularly monitored from time to time by Medical Department of Railways.

While the water is supplied by Engineering Department, the quality is monitored by Medical Department through residual chlorine and coliform test. As and when any deficiency is noticed in the quality, the Engineering Department is informed and remedial measures are initiated. The number of checks conducted and the results thereon are reported regularly to higher authorities.

The drinking water quality is discussed and reviewed in the meetings at Divisional level and Zonal level regularly. Special drives are launched every summer involving various departments at Zonal level to ensure that water is of required standard.

The figures of the checks conducted for Bacteriological quality (Coliform count) and residual chlorine tests are given in the statement overleaf.

Particulars of water quality tests conducted during the month of September 2002 are given as under.

No. of samples tested No. of samples found satisfactory. Percentage

Bacteriological quality tests	4711	3941	83.65%
Residual chlorine test	51097	40004	78.29%

The water quality monitoring is a regular activity and as per needs remedial measures are taken such as improved equipment for water treatment, better techniques, improved supervision, secondary chlorination etc.