

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:62
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2000
CLEANING OF RAILWAY STATIONS
MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a large number of railway stations remain dirty and are devoid of basic facilities;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefore;
- (c) the responsibility fixed by the Government in this regard;
- (d) whether the Government have reviewed the procedure for fixing responsibility in case of such negligence;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to improve the sanitary conditions and to provide basic amenities at every railway station?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.62 BY SHRI MANSINH PATEL ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.07.2000 REGARDING CLEANLING OF RAILWAY STATIONS

(a)&(b): Basic amenities (Minimum Essential Amenities) are provided based on category of station, which depends upon number of passengers handled and earnings in the station. The adequacy of these amenities are reviewed from time to time. While these are generally available, any deficiency noticed in the Minimum Essential Amenities is made good immediately. While the stations are cleaned on regular basis, cases of unsatisfactory cleanliness at some stations have come to notice.

(c)to(e): The Station Managers/Station Superintendents and the sanitary staff are responsible for maintaining cleanliness. Officials of Engineering and Electrical departments are responsible for maintenance of passenger amenities at the railway stations. In addition, regular checks are conducted by the officers/supervisors and corrective action is taken as deemed fit. This system is continuing.

(f): A number of initiatives have been taken for improving sanitation which include introduction of `Pay & Use` scheme at a number of stations, emphasis on mechanised cleaning processes, provision of washable aprons, additional dustbins, repairs to drains, etc. A fillip has been given by launching special drives involving senior officers. For provision and renewal of passenger amenities, the budget allocation for the year 2000-2001 is Rs.200 crores, which is an increase of 53.85% over the proceeding year and is highest ever allocation under this head.