

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:376
ANSWERED ON:08.08.2002
EMPLOYMENT GENERATING SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have partially privatised the responsibility of sanitation and handed it over to NGOs at different railway stations, residential colonies, rail yards, godowns, etc.;
- (b) whether the Railways are planning to launch an employment generating schemes as part of the privatisation;
- (c) if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Railways propose to give the job of issuing tickets to unemployed educated youths residing in and around small stations and flag stations; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NITISH KUMAR)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 376 BY SHRI VINAY KUMAR SORAKE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2002 REGARDING EMPLOYMENT GENERATING SCHEMES.

(a) to (c): Railways are not planning to launch any employment generating scheme as a part of privatisation. However, Railways have been traditionally involving individual and private sector in many activities such as catering, halt stations, license porters, `Pay & Use` toilets, removal of garbage, etc. Certain activities, like operation of the `Pay & Use` toilets at important stations through NGOs/Co-operative Agencies, etc. and removal of garbage from some of the Railway colonies/stations through private agencies are carried out.

(d) & (e): At halt stations and some flag stations, agents are appointed for issuing of tickets on commission basis after calling for applications. Unemployed youth fulfilling the prescribed conditions can also apply.