

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the use of toilets in railway coaches in stationary trains at railway stations has lead to unhygienic conditions;
- (b) if so, whether any fresh steps have been initiated to maintain cleanliness at railway stations;
- (c) whether an earlier move to clear the sides of railway tracks of all garbage has been given up; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a): Although notices are displayed in all passenger carrying coaches prohibiting the use of toilets in stationary trains, yet many passengers do not follow these instructions resulting in unhygienic condition at those stations particularly where trains pass in morning hours.

(b): It is proposed to produce new design M/s Linke-Hofmann-Busch (LHB) coaches having toilets with Controlled Discharge Facility, which has a holding tank which opens up only when the train is in motion and therefore, the station area does not get dirty even if these toilets are used when the trains are stationary. Besides, mechanised cleaning has been introduced at a few Railway stations to start with and will cover more and more stations in due course for making improvements in standard of cleanliness at stations. In addition, washable concrete aprons are also being provided progressively on platform tracks to enable easy, quicker and effective cleaning.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.