

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAIL NEER
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of stations including New Delhi Railway Station to which Rail Neer was not supplied in May-June 2010;
- (b) the reasons therefore and the authority by whose orders the said supply was discontinued;and
- (c) the arrangements made by the Railways to check recurrence of such incident in future?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

- (a): Out of 168 nominated stations for supply of Rail Neer, it was not supplied to 70 stations between May and June 2010. The supply of Rail Neer at New Delhi station was never stopped.
- (b): The demand for packaged drinking water peaks in summer months and priority is given to the supply of Rail Neer in trains, and as a result supply to static units at certain stations other than New Delhi station had to be discontinued in the months of May and June 2010 with approval of competent authorities of IRCTC.
- (c): With a view to cater the increasing demand, in addition to the existing Rail Neer plants at Nangloi and Danapur, two additional plants are under commissioning at Ambarnath (near Mumbai) and Palur (near Chennai) respectively. Further as per Budget announcement, Railways plan to provide bottled drinking water at cheaper rates to passengers through 6 more water bottling plants, proposed to be set up through Public Private Partnership (PPP) route.