

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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OUTSOURCING OF GARBAGE DISPOSAL

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to outsource cleaning of stations, tracks and platforms so as to improve aesthetics of Railway station premises;
- (b) if so, the steps taken by the Railways in this regard;
- (c) whether the Railways have paid inadequate attention to infrastructure like water supply, washable aprons, drains and sewerage system, toilets etc.; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): Policy guidelines already exist for adoption of systems of mechanized cleaning, rag picking, garbage disposal etc. at major and important stations on Indian Railways, for the purpose of improving sanitation/ cleanliness of stations/station premises if required, through award of contracts also, and action is taken accordingly.

(c) & (d): Infrastructure like washable aprons, drains and sewerage system and toilets have been provided at the stations as per requirement. Augmentation of such infrastructure at stations is a continuous process and being done based on need and availability of funds. Drinking water facility has also been made available at all railway stations on Indian Railways. Water coolers are also provided at major stations.