

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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RAILWAY QUARTERS COLONIES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether most of the railway quarters in the country are in a dilapidated condition;
- (b) whether the All India Railwaymen's Federation has submitted any memoranda to the Railways in this regard;
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the action taken thereon;
- (d) the details of railway colonies in the country where the drinking water supplied is not safe, State-wise; and
- (e) the reasons therefor and the steps taken/being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a): No, Madam. Railways have approximately 6.2 lakh number of quarters. Many of these quarters were built long time back as per the standards prevalent at that time. Subsequently, Railways have undertaken upgradation of basic amenities in old type quarters and replacement of old quarters which have outlived their lives. Replacement/improvement to quarters is a continuous process and works in this regard are taken up every year in phased manner based on availability of funds.
- (b) & (c): Yes, Madam. All India Railwaymen's Federation has also raised the issue of improving the condition of Railway quarters and allied issues. These issues have been examined and instructions have been issued to the Zonal Railways for according high priority towards improvement to quarters.
- (d) & (e): Potable drinking water is made available in Railway colonies. Complaints, if any, received in this regard are attended and corrective action taken.