

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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GARBAGE MANAGEMENT IN RAILWAYS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any assessment has been made regarding the disposal of plastic and other wastes as well as garbage generated in trains, railway tracks, in and around the stations particularly around Kalka Shimla rail route;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether adequate arrangements are in place to clear this garbage; and
- (d) if not, the steps being taken to upgrade the garbage management and keep the trains, tracks and stations absolutely clean?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No concrete assessment has been made of the quantity of waste and garbage generated in trains, railway tracks, in and around the Railway stations including that on the Kalka-Shimla Rail route.

(c) & (d): Arrangements are in place to regularly clear garbage from different areas viz. station premises, platforms, trains & tracks etc. as per arising and requirement.

Particularly on the Kalka-Shimla route, arrangements are in place for:

# Rag picking contract for cleaning of tracks and premises at all stations.

# Modern dustbins in Shivalik Express train as a pilot project.

Up-gradation of garbage management and the steps being taken to keep trains, tracks and stations clean is a continuous process. Initiatives taken in this direction are:

# Progressive adoption of Mechanized Cleaning of coaches/trains and coaching depot premises.

# Mechanized en-route cleaning of nominated trains at "Clean Train Stations".

# On Board Housekeeping Services during run in identified trains.

# Mechanized high pressure jet cleaning of platforms, Track, Drains etc. in station area.

# Provision of adequate numbers of dust bins, Garbage dumps and satisfactory garbage disposal mechanism.

# Educational publicity campaigns and announcements at stations and special cleanliness drives.