

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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WATER VENDING MACHINES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the machinery in operation to monitor the availability of free drinking water at railway platforms;
- (b) whether the water vending machines are likely to be installed at various railway stations; and
- (c) if so, the details of the stations identified in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) Monitoring the availability of free drinking water at railway platforms along with the passenger amenities at station is done by Additional General Manager (Zonal level) and Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Division level). Service Improvement Groups at various levels are formed to inspect amenities including drinking water and take remedial measures as needed. Besides, frequent checks are also carried out by officials at different levels. During summer season, when there is a water scarcity and existing sources are found inadequate to meet the water requirements at the stations, water supply is made through tankers.

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Does not arise.