

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6711  
ANSWERED ON:17.05.2012  
RAIL NEER  
Panda Shri Prabodh

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it has come to the notice of the Railways that various contractors in the running trains do not sell 'Rail Neer' to travelling passengers and instead sell packaged waters produced by non-reputed private companies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the details of the steps taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): As per policy wherever Rail Neer is not adequately available BIS (Bureau of Indian Standard) approved packaged drinking water having requisite laid down standards are shortlisted by zonal Railways and permitted for sale in the trains. The sale of Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) bottles by non-reputed private companies is not permitted. Action like imposition of fine etc. is taken if any contractor is found to be selling non-approved brand of packaged drinking water.

(c): To ensure adequate availability of Rail Neer, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has set up three drinking water plants at Nangloi (Delhi) and Danapur (Bihar) and Palur (Tamil Nadu) for production of 1 litre packaged drinking water bottles. A Packaged Drinking Water plant at Ambarnath is in progress, apart from six bottling plants to be set up at Ambala, Amethi, Mal, Nasik, Farakka and Trivandrum under Public Private Partnership (PPP) model as announced in Railway Budget 2010-11.