GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:441 ANSWERED ON:09.08.2012 DISPOSAL OF WASTES Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the quantity of solid waste generated at New Delhi, Old Delhi and Hazrat Nizamuddin Railway Stations every day;
- (b) whether the Railways have tied up with any Non- Governmental Organization (NGO) for disposal of wastes at these stations; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the financial implications involved therein?

Answer

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

(a) Approximate quantity of solid waste generated per day is as follows: -

New Delhi Station - 10 Tons

Delhi Main - 08 Tons

Hazarat Nizamuddin - 03 Tons

(b) and (c) Yes, Madam. Delhi Division of Northern Railway has tied up with an NGO "Chintan Environmental Research and Action Group" to segregate and dispose recyclable waste from total wastes at these Stations. The NGO collects the waste from Pantry Cars/Coaches of terminating trains and Platform dustbins and takes it to a nominated place in the Station area for segregation. Recyclable waste like Plastic Aluminum, Paper etc. is segregated by NGO and disposed off by them. The NGO is working on "no profit no loss" basis. Railway does not pay anything to the NGO nor does it recover any money from them. The NGO has engaged 100 workers and Supervisors and pays them from the sale of recyclable waste.