

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2060
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ON BOARD HOUSEKEEPING SERVICES
Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways plan to extend the On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) in remaining express trains other than the existing ones; and

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the details of expenditure likely to be incurred thereon?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. On Board House Keeping Services (OBHS) has been planned to be implemented in all Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto & other important long distance Mail/Express trains for frequent cleaning of coach toilets, doorways, aisles & passenger compartments during the run of the trains. The scheme has so far been implemented in around 300 trains. Other important trains as identified by Zonal Railways are also planned for provision of OBHS.

(b) OBHS facility can be provided on those trains satisfying laid down parameters such as journey time/period, coach type etc. Identification of trains for provision of OBHS scheme, as per requirements, is an ongoing process. Cost of provision of OBHS may vary from train to train and depends upon the number and type of coaches, journey time/period etc.