

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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AVAILABILITY OF WATER

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any steps have been taken to ensure safe potable water to passengers after the recent report on the scarcity of safe drinking water in trains and at railway stations;
- (b) the officer earmarked with the responsibility to check the availability of drinking water at platforms of stations;
- (c) the steps being taken by the Railways for making proper arrangement of potable water at all types of railway stations; and
- (d) the expenditure incurred by the Railways during the last three years and the current year in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) Section Engineer and Assistant Engineer of the concerned Railway division look after the availability of safe drinking water at the platforms of the stations within their jurisdiction. In addition, senior officers, during their inspections, also check the availability of safe drinking water at the platforms.

(c) Arrangements for drinking water have been made at all stations on Indian Railways. Wherever there is shortage of water, supply is augmented through tankers. Water is suitably treated as per requirement to make it fit for drinking purpose.

(d) Separate details of funds spent are not maintained. The expenditure on such works is generally funded under Plan Head – 'Passenger Amenities'. The expenditure under Plan Head 'Passenger Amenities' during last three years and current year over Indian Railways is as under:

Year Expenditure
 (Rs` in Cr.)

2009-10	906.38
2010-11	910.82
2011-12	834.43
2012-13	344.31
(up to July, 2012)	