

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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BEDSHEETS AND BLANKETS PROVIDED IN AC COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Northern Railways have decided to discard the old bed sheets and blankets on overnight train journeys due to persistent complaint from passengers travelling by AC compartments;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total number of old linens that will be discarded and the expenditure likely to be incurred on procuring the new ones in lieu thereof; and
- (d) the annual expenditure at present on washing the linens and the number of contracts to be entered in future?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Old bed sheets and blankets are discarded based on condition and codal life. This is a continuous process. During the year 2009-10 (upto October, 2009), about 2 lakh bed sheets and 5000 blankets have been discarded on the basis of their codal life and the condition of bedroll items on Northern Railway.
- (c): Discarding/condemnation of linen on the basis of condition of bedroll items is a continuous on-going process.
- (d): The annual expenditure on washing of linen is Rs.10 crores approximately. However, the number of contracts to be awarded depends upon the requirement due to expiry or termination of the existing contracts.