

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PUBLIC AMENITIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many platforms/waiting halls across the country don't have any toilets and urinals, for the passengers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that the existing toilets and urinals at various Waiting Halls/Railway Stations and even in running trains are found in unusable conditions; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken to provide clean and hygienic urinals and toilets at Railway Stations/platforms?

Answer

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

- (a) & (b): Railway stations including waiting halls/rooms and platforms have been provided with urinals and latrines as per norms.
- (c) & (d): Urinals/latrines at railway stations (including platforms/waiting hall) are kept in good and usable condition. To prevent misuse, latrines at railway station are kept in lock & key under the custody of Station Master on duty.

Coach toilets are intensively cleaned and disinfected during maintenance in the Depots.Limited mechanized cleaning attention to coaches and toilets is given to identified trains at nominated "Clean Train Station" during the scheduled stoppage. Besides, On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) scheme is also envisaged for important long distance trains, where frequent cleaning and hygiene attention is provided in coach toilets along with doorways, aisles & passenger compartments during the run of the trains.