

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAIL NEER

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are planning to increase the rate of Rail Neer;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) the details of production of Rail Neer across our country and the production cost involved therein; and
- (d) the details of locations identified for setting up Rail Neer plants in other parts of the country as well?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The instructions for revision of sale price of Rail Neer and other shortlisted packaged drinking water Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) approved brands bottles from ₹ 12/- to ₹ 15/- for one litre bottle and from ₹ 8/- to ₹ 10/- for 500 ml bottle has been issued recently on 22.11.2012. This is based on increase in cost of raw materials, electricity, fuel, transportation and manpower etc. so as to make it financially viable.

(c): At present the Rail Neer Plants at Nangloi (Delhi) and Danapur (Patna) each produces approximately 1.02 lakh bottles of 1 litre capacity per day while Palur (Chennai) plant produces 1.8 lakh bottles of same capacity per day. The production cost of per 1 litre water bottle by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is ₹ 9.19/- at present.

(d): Six packaged drinking water bottling plants (PDWs) are proposed to be set up at Ambala, Amethi, Mal, Nasik, Farakka and Parassala (Thiruvananthapuram). Besides the above, one rail neer plant is also under construction at Ambarnath (Mumbai) by IRCTC.