

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:341  
ANSWERED ON:21.03.2013  
CLEANLINESS IN RUNNING TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether any mechanism has been put in place in the Railways to check the level of cleanliness and hygiene in the running trains and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the activities taken under On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) introduced by the Railways, including the names of the running trains in which the scheme has been implemented across the country;
- (c) whether the Railways propose to extend the OBHS on more running trains beside premium service trains;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the trains identified for the purpose along with the expenditure likely to be incurred thereupon; and
- (e) the other measures being contemplated to enhance the level of cleanliness and hygiene in the running trains?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 341 BY SHRI TUFANI SAROJ AND SHRI DUSHYANT SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.03.2013 REGARDING CLEANLINESS IN RUNNING TRAINS.

(a) & (b) Indian Railways always endeavour to improve upon the level of cleanliness and hygiene in coaches. For maintaining cleanliness and hygiene in the running trains, On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) scheme has been implemented in all the Rajdhani/Shatabdi /Duronto & identified Mail/Express trains for frequent cleaning of coach toilets, doorways, aisles & passenger compartments etc. during the run of the trains. Also, a heavy dose of Mechanized cleaning is given on identified passing through trains at important stations under "Clean Train Stations" scheme.

Besides, Regular inspections are also conducted at various levels to monitor level of cleanliness and hygiene in all Mail/Express and premium train services from time to time.

Details of the trains covered under OBHS are appended.

(c) & (d) OBHS is being provided on identified Mail/Express trains satisfying laid down parameters such as journey time/period, coach type etc. Zonal Railways identify additional trains for provision of OBHS scheme, as per requirements which 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. However, the current estimated expenditure per annum for provision of OBHS in additional identified trains is likely to be rs 37 crore (approximately).

(e) For improving upon the standards of cleanliness and hygiene in coaches, schemes like Intensive mechanized cleaning in coaching depots, mostly having more than 200 coach holding, is being carried out. Besides, cleaning attention to trains during their stoppage at "Clean Train Stations" as given in Para (a) & (b) above is also being imparted.