

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2404  
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CLEANING OF RAILWAY COACHES THROUGH PRIVATE AGENCIES  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have outsourced mechanized cleaning of Railway coaches to private agencies;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;
- (c) whether the said move resulted in people losing jobs in Railways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the steps taken by the railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): Intensive mechanized cleaning of coaches in the coaching depots has been outsourced through professional agencies in 42 Coaching depots on Indian Railways.

Limited mechanized cleaning attention to identified trains during their scheduled stoppage enroute has also been outsourced at nominated 27 "Clean Train Stations" on Indian Railways.

(c) to (e): No, Madam. Existing Railway Staff deployed for cleaning activities in coaches have not been/shall not be affected at all by the measures as above. These initiatives are primarily to enhance the levels of cleanliness & hygiene in trains.