

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAIL NEER PLANT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether a plan for establishment of new Rail Neer plants was announced during the Rail Budget 2010-11 and whether it is still pending;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether places have been earmarked for installation of Rail Neer Plants and if so, the details thereof;
- (d) whether the Railways have proposed to set up new Rail Neer Bottling Plants at certain places in Maharashtra also;
- (e) if so, the details of the places identified for the same and the cost and the time fixed for this purpose; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Railways for the installation of Rail Neer Bottling Plants in the fixed time-frame?

Answer

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

(a)to (c): In the Rail Budget 2010-11, six packaged drinking water (PDW) bottling plants at Mal, Nasik, Farakka, Amethi, Ambala and Trivandrum have been planned to be set up on PPP basis the work for which has already been initiated by Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). Out of these locations, developer-cum-operators have been appointed for Ambala and Amethi. Further, tenders for locations viz. Parassala (near Trivandrum) and Nasik have been floated.

(d) to (f): Three Rail Neer Packaged Drinking water (PDW) Bottling Plants at Ambernath, Nagpur & Nasik are to be set up by IRCTC in Maharashtra State. The approximate cost for setting up PDW plant at Ambernath is ₹ 22 crores and ₹ 8 crores each at Nagpur & Nasik. The tentative time proposed for operation of the plant at Ambernath is February 2014 and at Nasik and Nagpur is upto June, 2015.