

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:107

ANSWERED ON:01.12.2014

BIO TOILETS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have taken note of lack of hygiene and sanitation at the platforms and in running trains and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways have any proposal to install bio-toilets on all the trains to mitigate the sanitation problems of Railways;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the fresh measures undertaken by the Government under the Swachh Bharat Mission and other programmes/schemes to ensure overall hygiene and cleanliness on railway tracks, running trains and railway stations?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 107 BY SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER AND SHRI B.VINOD KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 01.12.2014 REGARDING BIO-TOILETS.

(a) Indian Railways accord a very high priority for ensuring cleanliness and hygiene at station and on trains. However, owing to the high density of usage of the stations and the trains, this is a very challenging area. Based on the inspection reports and references received, cases on inadequate cleanliness come to notice from time to time.

Keeping in view the expectations of the passengers and to meet the challenge, Indian Railways has adopted measures which include introduction of mechanized cleaning process, award of rag picking/garbage disposal contracts, introduction of 'pay & use' toilet scheme, etc. Inspections by various officials at the railway stations are also conducted to monitor cleanliness and take remedial measures. Rules have been notified to penalize persons affecting cleanliness and hygiene at railway premises. Instructions have been issued to Zonal Railways to use Close Circuit Televisions (CCTVs) to monitor cleanliness at railway premises. Health Inspectors are deployed at major stations of Indian Railways to monitor hygiene and sanitation of stations.

Similarly, for ensuring cleanliness in coaches, measures such as mechanized cleaning of coaches at depots, on board housekeeping and cleaning attention to trains during the stoppages and pest and rodent control treatment are undertaken.

(b) & (c): Yes, Madam. Indian Railways have started fitment of bio-toilets in coaches of passenger trains to mitigate the problem of direct discharge of human waste on the tracks and platform aprons at stations. As on 31.10.2014, 14825 bio-toilets have been installed in 5441 coaches.

(d): Under the 'Swachh Bharat Mission', a special cleanliness campaign has been launched by Indian Railways on 2nd October, 2014, the Gandhi Jayanti Day, with main focus on shramdan and public awareness. Non-railway organizations like NGOs, NSS, NCC, School/College students, scouts & guides have been co-opted during the launching of the campaign. Under the 'Swachh Bharat Mission', regular events on cleanliness are planned to be organized at railway premises. The focus of Indian Railways under the 'Swachh Bharat Mission' is to ensure clean and hygienic toilets, maintenance of cleanliness at station, trains etc., tree plantation, removal of encroachments, improving drainage, public awareness campaign and periodic monitoring of the mission.

For further improving upon the standards of cleanliness in coaches and meeting increasing passenger expectations, schemes like Intensive mechanized cleaning in maintenance depots, On Board House-Keeping Services (OBHS) for cleaning of coaches on run, cleaning attention to trains during their stoppage at "Clean Train Stations (CTS)" and pest and rodent control treatment through Professional Agencies in the major Coaching Depots have also been launched.

Cleaning of tracks is also taken up alongwith the maintenance in the station areas as well as between the stations.