

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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DRINKING WATER AT RAILWAY STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether Railways have any arrangements to make clean drinking water available for passengers at railway stations across the country and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the names of the companies permitted to sell bottled mineral water besides Rail Neer at stations under various Railway zones including the Western Central Railways along with the company-wise sale price of such bottled water; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Government to introduce Reverse Osmosis drinking water units at prominent stations in order to make available clean drinking water to passengers?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): It is Railways' endeavour to provide drinking water at all stations on Indian Railways. Instructions exist for periodical check on quality of water and corrective action to be taken, if any deficiency is found. As Reverse Osmosis (RO) process involves substantial wastage of water depending upon its quality and will require uninterrupted power supply, eight stations viz. Bhopal, Dwarka, Gadag, Guwahati, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Madurai, Patna & Tirupati stations have been identified for provision of RO drinking water units on experimental basis.

As per guidelines, Maximum Retail Price per bottle of Packaged Drinking Water (BIS) other than Rail Neer of 1000ml is Rs.15 only. The details of companies permitted to sell such Packaged Drinking Water on Indian Railways including West Central Railway are appended.