

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3671
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USE OF DISINFECTANTS IN TRAINS STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose to use disinfectants in the trains and at railway stations to maintain hygiene and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways are cautious in using disinfectants and ensure that these are eco-friendly and non-hazardous for human and food served in trains and if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of the disinfectants along with their chemical composition?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. For disinfection of coaches and at railway stations, various disinfectants /surface cleaners available in the market are being used.
- (b) Yes, Madam. These chemicals are known to be non-hazardous for human and food contact and are to be used with certain precautions prescribed by respective manufacturers.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d) Lizol, Colin, Taski R1/R6, Taski R3, Taski R7/R2, Spiral HD, OC, Chromol, TRIAD-III, Phenyl, Nimyle, Antiback, Singla Natural, Bio-floor are some of the commonly available brand names/chemicals used for cleaning of coaches. Naphthalene balls and phenyl are commonly used disinfectants at railway stations. Precise chemical composition of above disinfectants is not known.