

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a lack of coordination among the various departments of Railways like Medical, Commercial and Engineering regarding cleanliness of railway stations and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether the Railways have formulated any criteria to assign one station each to the railway officers and if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Railways propose to ban cooking at railway platforms in view of keeping them neat and clean and if so, the details thereof and the steps taken in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) On Indian Railways, several departments i.e., Medical, Commercial, Operating and Civil Engineering look after cleanliness at stations with specific responsibilities and jurisdiction. The overall responsibility of ensuring cleanliness at stations is with the Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) of each Division.
- (b) At present, there is no proposal to depute one Railway Officer for the purpose of cleanliness at each station as they are already assigned specific works. However, during launching of 'Swachh Bharat Mission' on 2nd October, 2014, several Railway Officers were deputed to participate in the cleanliness drive at stations of Indian Railways.
- (c) In order to provide good quality, fresh and hygienic food to travelling passengers, only restricted cooking on platform of stations is permitted except in case on suburban stations where cooking is banned. For this purpose, Zonal Railways have been instructed to permit two modes of cooking in line with safety guidelines.