

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SAFE DRINKING WATER IN TRAINS AND STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to improve passenger amenities particularly safe drinking water at railway stations/trains and for passenger safety;
- (b) whether railways have received any proposal regarding stoppage of Intercity Express, construction of passenger shed and over bridge at Mahendra Nath Halt, Chhapra, Bihar and construction of underpass at unmanned railway crossing adjacent to Manjhi Railway Station in Chhapra-Varanasi Rail Division; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken therefor?

Answer

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

(a): Arrangements for drinking water have been made at all stations on Indian Railways as per norms. Further, improvement/augmentation of passenger amenities including provision of safe drinking water at railway stations is a continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. In addition, Rail Neer and other BIS (Bureau of Indian Standard) approved packaged drinking water bottles are sold as per the maximum retail price fixed as Rs.15/- for 1000ml and Rs. 10/- for 500ml at stations/trains.

(b) & (c): Representations for stoppage of trains are received at various levels of Railways administration viz. station, Divisional level, Zonal level and Railway Board's level, a compendium of that is not maintained. These are examined keeping in view the operational feasibility and commercial viability, and action if found feasible & viable, is taken.

Demands for additional passenger amenities at stations are received from time to time. At present, there is no proposal for providing a passenger shed and over bridge at Mahendra Nath Halt and no planning for underpass at unmanned railway crossing adjacent to Manjhi railway station.