

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:652  
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RAIL NEER  
PUTTASWAMY GOWDA

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

- (a) whether the Railways have started supplying its own bottled water 'Rail Neer' to railway passengers;
- (b) if so, the Railway Zones in which 'Rail Neer' is being supplied;
- (c) whether the bottled water 'Rail Neer' has not been found to be of international standard as has been reported in some prominent newspapers;
- (d) if so, the facts of the matter and reaction of the Government thereto;
- (e) the company which has been selected for this purpose;
- (f) whether the company's bottled water is of 'Zero B' quality and meets the standard specification; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS ( SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA )

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): Rail Neer is being made available at important Railway stations of Northern and North Central Railways , from the Rail Neer plant at Nangloi, Delhi.
- (c): No, Sir. Rail Neer conforms to the stringent norms set up by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). It further conforms to European norms for pesticides residues.
- (d): Does not arise..
- (e): The plant is completely owned by Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd.(IRCTC) and the equipment etc. has been supplied by M/s Ion Exchange Ltd.
- (f) and (g) : Rail Neer has been tested and it conforms to the laid down standards of Bureau of Indian Standards.