

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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CLEANING OF COACHES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway coaches of mail and express trains are not being cleaned both from inside and outside;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the steps taken or proposed to be taken to keep the railway coaches neat and clean?

Answer

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

- (a): Coaches of all trains are cleaned from inside as well as outside at the maintenance depots prior to commencement of out-ward and return journeys.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Railways have taken the following steps to ensure quality of cleanliness and upkeep of coaches:-
 - (i) Regular washing with water and detergent for exteriors at terminals.
 - (ii) Regular cleaning of interiors at terminals.
 - (iii) Regular disinfection of coaches through specialised pest control agencies.
 - (iv) Monthly intensive cleaning of coaches at base depots.
 - (v) Use of improved cleaning agents and provision of proper kits for cleaning staff.
 - (vi) Use of high pressure jet cleaning plants at base depots and mobile jet plants at enroute stations for quick and effective cleaning.
 - (vii) Deployment of travelling safaiwalas for enroute cleaning services in nominated trains. Checks and super checks are also conducted from time to time by senior officers/supervisors and shortcomings noticed are rectified.