

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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LACK OF HYGIENE AT RAILWAY STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether railways have not paid much attention to hygiene in trains and railway stations;
- (b) if so, whether any survey has been conducted by the Railways to find out the causes of such lack of hygiene;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken to upgrade such facilities in trains?

**Answer**

Minister of State in the Ministry of Railways (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) to (c): It is the constant endeavor of Railway to keep trains and stations premises clean and hygienic. Cleanliness is regularly monitored and causes and factors which affect cleanliness are identified and corrective measures are taken for improvement. Some of the factors which constrain the quality of cleanliness of trains and stations are:

- i) Large number of passengers and intensive use.
- ii) Inadequate consciousness amongst users towards public hygiene.

(d) Railways constantly strive to improve their systems and methods for better cleanliness in trains and stations. Some of the measures taken are as under:

- i) Provision of adequate time for upkeep.
- ii) Monthly intensive cleaning of coaches.
- iii) Use of high pressure jet cleaning plants at coaching depots and mobile jet cleaning machines at enroute stations.
- iv) Use of improved and eco-friendly cleaning agents.
- v) Pest control on coaches through specialized agencies.
- vi) Deployment of travelling safaiwalas on selected trains.
- vii) Introduction of pay and use scheme of toilets at stations.
- viii) Provision of washable aprons, additional dustbins, repairs to drains, removal of garbage etc. at stations.
- ix) Frequent announcement to seek cooperation of passengers to keep railway areas and trains clean.
- x) Regular inspections and surprise checks to monitor the conditions.