

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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QUALITY OF WATER IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) The mechanism adopted by the Railways for filling water in the coaches;
- (b) Whether any quality check is being done on water supply to the Railways especially to the pantry cars in various trains; and
- (c) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) The water tanks in the coaches are filled using flexible pipes connected to the main water pipe line provided for the purpose at nominated locations.

(b) & (c) Yes, Sir. Water supplied for various applications like taps on platforms and other passenger areas, for filling in coaches including pantry Cars etc. is periodically tested by Railway's Medical Department for bacteriological fitness and residual chlorine content for potability. Generally 90% to 92% samples are found conforming to standards. Results of remaining tests are analysed and necessary corrective measures are taken.