

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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PUBLIC AMENITIES IN RAILWAYS  
Rawat Shri Bachi Singh

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

- (a) whether the Railways consider to introduce eco-friendly toilets which do not allow refuse to fall on the tracks in trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the likely expenditure and time by which such toilets are likely to be introduced; and
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

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

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Railways are in the process of developing/procuring environment friendly toilets for passenger coaches. Besides efforts to develop such toilets in the country, action is also in hand to procure small quantities of such toilets for field experience before resorting to bulk fitment. Presently one order for 80 Nos. of such toilets has been placed recently at a cost of approximately Rs. 3 crores. Another procurement is in process. The time frame for large scale fitment of such toilets will depend on the experience gained during field trials with the limited quantity being procured.

(c) Does not arise.