

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:333  
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QUALITY OF DRINKING WATER  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have received any complaints about the quality of drinking water being served to its passengers;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether on site generation of Sodium Hypo Chlorite technology based on use of common salt for large scale chlorination of 'Drinking water' in Indian Railways is standardized by Bureau of Indian Standards;
- (d) if so, details of the code and reference thereof;
- (e) if not, the reasons for adopting such technology by the Railways as a matter of policy;
- (f) whether the Railways propose to review this important aspect of public hygiene in its right perspective; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) No separate statistics are being maintained regarding complaints about the quality of drinking water.
- (b) Does not arise.
- (c) On site generation of Sodium Hypo Chlorite technology based on use of common salt for large scale chlorination of drinking water has not yet been standardized by Bureau of Indian Standards.
- (d) Does not arise.
- (e) This is one of the many other methods being adopted by the Railways and has been found to be an improvement on other existing systems.
- (f)&(g)On receipt of representations against use of the technology, matter has been reviewed and Zonal Railways have been directed to conduct laboratory testing of samples.