

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NOTICE TO RAILWAY BY POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Maharashtra Pollution Control Board has served show cause notices to the General Managers of Central and Western Railways for their failure to keep main line and suburban stations clean; and

(b) if so the steps taken by the Government to keep the stations and mainline clean in Mumbai?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): In order to keep the stations and mainline clean in Mumbai, various steps have been taken like provision of waste collection bins to enable proper disposal of waste to nearest identified waste collection locations, regular announcements through Public Address System to educate the commuters, awarding of rag picking contracts at major stations, cleaning of railway tracks by machines along with special gang of safaiwalas etc. Washable aprons are also being provided at important stations in a phased manner. Besides, regular inspections are being conducted by the railway officials to monitor and identify weak areas and take remedial measures as and when required.