

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:11  
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CLEANLINESS DRIVE AT RAILWAY STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have given any instructions to the Western Railway Authorities to take up the cleanliness issue on priority basis;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Western Railway has appointed a private agency to improve collection and disposal of garbage across 31 railway stations in and around Mumbai city;
- (d) if so, the details thereof;
- (e) whether the Railways are contemplating to promote such a cleanliness drive all over India including the Western Central Railway; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Instructions have been issued to all the Zonal Railways for making further improvements in cleanliness as the Year 2007-08 has been declared as 'Cleanliness Year'.
- (c) to (f): Instructions have been given to all Zonal Railways for awarding of periodical contracts regarding rag picking and garbage disposal at major railway stations. However, no separate contract has been given by Western Railway to any private agency to improve collection and disposal of garbage at railway stations in and around Mumbai city.