

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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RAJYA SABHA
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MECHANISED CLEANING OF RAILWAY STATIONS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of mechanised cleaning operational at railway stations in the country;
- (b) whether the same has been restricted to areas of conducive surfaces furnished with tiles/kota stones;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the details of proposed measures to be taken in this respect to ensure better cleanliness at railway stations ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d): Indian Railways have introduced mechanised cleaning to maintain proper hygiene, cleanliness and sanitation at major stations across the country.

Mechanised cleaning activities broadly include deployment of high-pressure jet machines, ride-on sweep machine, walk behind scrubber machine, wet & dry vacuum cleaner, single disk scrubber etc. for cleaning of platforms, circulating areas, concourse, waiting halls, foot-over bridges and other passenger interface areas. Mechanised cleaning is deployed across all types of surface areas where the use of such machines is technically feasible including RCC surfaces, granite platforms and tiled areas.

Ride on road sweeper machines, high pressure jet machines etc are being used for slight non-conductive surfaces. Cleaning of non-conductive surfaces/narrow spaces is done using tools like brooms, hand scrubbers, wet mops, wipers etc with recommended chemicals/cleaning agents.

Other measures to ensure cleanliness at station are briefly as under:-

- In order to further improve the cleaning of bio-toilet tanks, in station area, a newly designed and indigenously developed pneumatic assisted, sludge evacuation system has been deployed, on a pilot basis.
- Passenger awareness campaigns are conducted from time to time to maintain station premises clean and litter free.
- A dedicated “Rail Madad” portal is operational for redressal of passenger’s grievances including cleanliness related issues.
- Introduction of Plastic Bottle Crushing machines to reduce plastic pollution.
- Provision of two bin type dustbins at stations for segregation of bio-degradable and non-biodegradable wastes.
- Provision of Rag picking contracts and garbage disposal contracts at major stations.
- To ensure maintenance of cleanliness standards, regular inspections are being carried out, and penalties are imposed on the contractors for irregularities noticed.
- Provision of fines for littering and spitting.
