

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5177  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2017**

**DIRTY LAUNDRY**

**5177. SHRI KAPIL MORESHWAR PATIL :**

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

- (a) whether there are reports/complaints of smelly/dirty blankets used in railway coaches since presently they are being washed once in a month;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether the Government has directed the Railways to ensure that the blankets, pillows, bedsheets, etc. provided to the commuters are washed and cleaned regularly;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Railways is in the process of procuring more durable and washable blankets and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. A few complaints are received.**

**Reasons in brief:**

**Specified frequency of blanket washing is once in two months. In between these are stored in coaches itself. This may cause some**

**blankets to become smelly. Some blankets could become dirty due to use and/or handling in between.**

**(c) & (d) Yes, Madam. Washing of linen (bedsheets, hand towel & pillow cover) is done after every single use, and blankets are cleaned regularly at least once in two months.**

**No used and unwashed linen is to be supplied to passengers.**

**(e) No such procurement is presently in process.**

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