

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1651
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2017**

AMENITIES AND HYGIENE AT STATIONS

†1651. SHRI SADASHIV LOKHANDE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railway stations located in the State of Maharashtra are quite dirty and there is a huge lack of infrastructure;**
- (b) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto; and**
- (c) the steps taken/likely to be taken by the Central Government to provide basic amenities at the stations and keep them clean?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) No, Madam.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Measures that have been adopted to upgrade cleanliness standards at stations include introduction of mechanized cleaning processes, execution of rag picking/garbage disposal contracts, operation and maintenance of toilets under 'pay & use' scheme,

etc. Service Improvement Groups (SIGs) at the zonal/divisional headquarters and station levels periodically inspect amenities as and where required, and then initiate suitable action for improving their upkeep. Also, rules have been notified to penalize persons adversely impacting cleanliness and hygiene at Railway premises. Augmentation / improvement of passenger amenities at stations, including those in Maharashtra, is a continuous process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement subject to inter-se priority of works and availability of funds.
