

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5482
TO BE ANSWERED ON 28.03.2018**

DUMPING GARBAGE ALONG TRACKS

†5482. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH JAUNAPURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the land on both sides of railway tracks in towns and cities is being used for open defecation and garbage dumping;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto;**
- (c) whether any action has been taken by the railway officials to deal with this problem under the Swachh Bharat Campaign; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (d) Yes, Madam. The problem of open defecation alongside the railway tracks largely exists in approaches to stations falling in major cities where railway land is encroached upon. It not only causes public nuisance but also affects the safety and train operations. Indian Railways has undertaken a series of measures to address this problem as under:

- (i) Guidelines have been issued to Zonal Railways to permit provision of suitable mobile toilets / eco-friendly mobile**

toilets by the local Government for the use of encroachers in the railway land to avoid human defecation on the railway track and nearby.

(ii) Adequate toilets as per norms have been provided at railway stations for the passengers.

(iii) Regular cleaning drives and awareness campaigns under Swachh Bharat Mission have been undertaken for keeping railway premises clean which include prevention of open defecation.

(iv) Indian Railway is actively associated with the Government of India's initiative for generating awareness for prevention of open defecation alongside the railway tracks in coordination with local Government.

At major trespass locations, alongside the stations in the city areas, boundary wall has also been planned, wherever feasible.
