

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 888
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

DRY CLEANING IN RAILWAYS

888. SHRIMATI KIRRON KHER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the periodicity of washing railway linens and dry cleaning of blankets in depots across the country;**
- (b) the percentage of linens that are hand-washed and washed in machines;**
- (c) the storage provision for washed linens and dry-cleaned blankets in depots across the country; and**
- (d) the mechanism in place for compliance to the norms for washing of linens by the depots?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) Washing of bed linen (except blanket) is done after every single use. Washed bed sheets, pillow covers and towels are provided to passengers. Blankets are cleaned at least once in two months.

(b) More than 65% linen are washed in mechanised laundries set up in Railway premises. Most of the remaining linen is also washed in outside mechanised laundries through contracts.

(c) Nominated storage places with facilities like racks and compactors are provided at depots for storage of washed linen and blankets.

(d) Sample checking of washed linen is done before dispatch from laundry. Regular inspections are carried out by officers and supervisors for compliance to the norms for washing of linen items. In case of unsatisfactory work or passenger complaint, suitable penalty is also imposed.
