

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1167
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.07.2018**

SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER

1167. SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the various provisions made at the railway stations for supply of drinking water to the passengers especially in the State of Gujarat;

(b) whether the Railways are able to meet the demand of drinking water at railway stations and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is a fact that the Railways proposes to install water vending machines at railway stations so as to provide potable water at an affordable cost especially in the context of the State of Gujarat; and

(d) if so, the details thereof including the number of machines likely to be installed and estimated cost along with the employment likely to be generated as a result thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b) It is Railways' endeavour to provide free potable water at all Railway Stations. Indian Railways have more than 8500 railway stations spread over the length and breadth of the country and adequate arrangements have been made to provide free potable water at all Railway Stations to meet the demand of drinking water at these railway stations including the railway stations in Gujarat. Railways are using various sources of water like bore-well, hand pumps municipal supply, tankers, river/dams etc.

(c) & (d) Guidelines have been issued for installation and operation of Water Vending Machines by Indian Railway Catering Corporation (IRCTC) to provide purified, chilled and clean drinking water to Railway Passengers at affordable prices of i.e 300ml @ ₹ 1/- and one litre @ ₹ 5/-.

In total there are 61 contracts in operation for installation of approximately 2700 Water Vending Machines throughout the country including the State of Gujarat, out of which nearly 1850 Nos. of Water Vending Machines have been installed till 30.06.2018 and the likely employment generation is estimated to be around 3700 persons @ 2 persons per machine.

IRCTC has executed tenders over Bhavnagar, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Rajkot and Mumbai Central Divisions of Western Railway falling in the State of Gujarat, for installation and operation of Water Vending Machines.

In the State of Gujarat, total number of 80 Water Vending Machines are operational over 30 Railway Stations as per the list Appended. Further 07 Nos. of Water Vending Machines are under installation and are likely to be operational by August 2018.

APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (c) AND (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1167 BY SHRI DEVUSINH CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 25.07.2018 REGARDING SUPPLY OF DRINKING WATER

Details of Water Vending Machines installed over the Railway Stations of Gujarat State			
S.No.	Name of Station	Western Railway	No. of machines installed
1.	Bhavnagar Terminus	Bhavnagar Division	2
2.	Junagarh		2
3.	Botad		1
4.	Porbandar		2
5.	Gondal		1
6.	Vadodara	Vadodara Division	9
7.	Ankleshwar		2
8.	Anand		4
9.	Bharuch		3
10.	Veraval		2
11.	Nadiad		3
12.	Ahmedabad	Ahmedabad Division	10
13.	Palanpur		2
14.	Mahesana		3
15.	Viramgam		3
16.	Gandhidham		1
17.	Bhachau		1
18.	Samakhayali		1
19.	New Bhuj		1
20.	Rajkot	Rajkot Division	3
21.	Jamnagar		2
22.	Surendranagar		2
23.	Dwarka		1
24.	Wankaner		2
25.	Okha		1
26.	Hapa	2	
27.	Surat	BCT Division	9
28.	Navsari		2
29.	Udhana		2
30.	Udwada		1
TOTAL			80