

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1786
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.02.2019**

WASTE MANAGEMENT IN RAILWAYS

1786. SHRIMATI PRATYUSHA RAJESHWARI SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the current system of disposal/storage of food plates after use in the train compartments tantamount to unhygienic conditions in the bogies and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Railways is planning to overhaul the aforesaid practice;**
- (c) if so, the details in this regard; and**
- (d) the various measures taken/likely to be taken by the Railways for clean and effective waste management in trains?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (c): No, Madam. Detailed instructions on Catering Waste Management System already exist with Zonal Railways and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) for collection and disposal of waste arising out of Pantry Car services. The compliance is ensured through periodical inspections.

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(d): The various measures taken by Railway to ensure clean and effective management of waste in trains are as follows: (i) Provision of Dustbins in coaches (ii) Collection of garbage generated during train journey at the terminating stations/maintenance depots at the end of the journey (iii) Enroute cleaning of garbage including emptying of dustbins under On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) in around 1050 pairs of important long distance mail/express trains and also at nominated Clean Train Stations(CTS) (iv) Collection of pantry garbage by pantry staff and handing over at nominated stations (v) The pace of installation of Bio-toilets in coaches has been intensified.
