

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 968  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

**CLEANLINESS AT SAMALKHA RAILWAY STATION**

**† 968. SHRI SANJAY BHATIA:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government had approved stoppage of train No. 14037/14038 which is now known with new No. 22429/22430 Pathankot Express at Samalkha railway station on 09.01.2014 whereas the said train has no scheduled stoppage at the said station till date and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether there are important issues related to cleanliness around Samalkha railway station especially at platform No. 3 and if so, the details in this regard;**
- (c) whether there is garbage heap at unused land of the Railways near the colonies situated across the railway line and during the rainy season water logging creates such a pathetic scene there that stray cattle keep wandering there and cross the railway tracks quite often and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether as a result of the said situation about 10,000 people living there face the risk of several diseases necessitating cleaning of the entire area and transforming that area into a park so as to ensure welfare and safety of the local people; and**
- (e) if so, the remedial action taken/likely to be taken in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) No, Sir.**

**(b) & (c) There is an issue of sewage disposal by private colony residents in vacant Railway land adjacent to Platform no. 3 of Samalkha Railway Station as they have opened their sewer outlets towards railway land due to non-availability of proper sewerage network. Garbage is dumped by the residents of nearby colonies and also the wastewater is drained by the colony residents because of inadequate sewerage system.**

**(d) & (e) The issue has been taken up with the State municipal authorities to provide proper sewerage network/drainage arrangement in the adjacent colonies to Samalkha station to avoid dumping of waste water inside Railway land. Several times cleaning is done by Railways but the problem persists due continued dumping of solid waste/ wastewater. After provision of sewerage network by the local authorities, the area can be taken up for developing as a green patch per extant instructions.**

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