

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.259  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.02.2021**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT IN TRAINS**

**259. DR. HEENA GAVIT:**

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**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) various measures taken/likely to be taken by the Railways for clean and effective waste management in trains?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER  
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

**(a) to (c): No, Sir. Detailed instructions on Catering Waste Management System for collection and disposal of waste arising out of Pantry Car services have been provided to Zonal Railways and Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) vide Commercial Circular nos. 45 of 2011 and 55 of 2016. These circulars are available on Indian Railways' website <https://indianrailways.gov.in/>. Compliance of these instructions is ensured through periodical inspections.**

**(d): The various measures taken by Railways to ensure clean and effective management of waste in trains are as follows:**

**(i) Waste generated during train journey is collected at the nominated stations. Waste collected at stations is disposed off to the nominated places/ authorised agencies of the Municipal/ local bodies.**

**(ii) Provision of Dustbins has also been extended to non-AC coaches in addition to AC coaches.**

**(iii) En-route cleaning of waste generated including emptying of dustbins is done under On Board Housekeeping Services scheme (OBHS) in important long distance Mail/ Express trains.**

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