

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION No.3002  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

**DEATH OF SANITATION WORKERS**

**3002. SHRI HIBI EDEN:**

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

- (a) the number of deaths that occurred during the last 10 years of sanitation workers employed by the Railways;**
- (b) the steps taken by the Railways to prevent the death of sanitation workers; and**
- (c) whether the employment of sanitation workers by the Railways violates the mandate of the Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavenger and their Rehabilitation Act 2013 and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c) There is no manual scavenging being done on Indian Railways.**

**Station/Platform cleaning activities at major railway stations is carried out through mechanized means by using high pressure water jets, mechanized floor scrubber, walk behind automatic scrubber dryer, battery operated ride**

**on scrubber, vacuum cleaner, flippers, wet and dry vacuum cleaner etc., with the requisite manpower. Concrete washable aprons, wherever available on platform tracks, are cleaned with waterjet on need basis.**

**With the installation of bio-toilets in passenger coaches of Indian Railway System, human waste has been prevented to fall on tracks and bio-tanks have sufficient microbial matter to convert the fecal matter into gas and treated water only is released to ground. External cleaning of coaches is done at Automatic Coach Washing Plants (ACWP). For internal cleaning of coaches, proper tools and equipments are used along with handheld scrubbing machines, vacuum cleaners. Toilets are cleaned using high pressure jets and prescribed cleaning agents.**

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