

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4239
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

POSITIVE BREATHALYSER RESULTS AMONG LOCO PILOTS

**4239. SHRI CHAMALA KIRAN KUMAR REDDY:
SHRI SURESH KUMAR SHETKAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railway authorities were recently caught off guard by a sudden increase in positive breathalyser results among loco pilots during mandatory tests before start of duty, however, subsequent blood tests at the chemical examiner's laboratory revealed that alcohol content in almost all blood samples was nearly zero and issued a circular instructing all running staff (loco pilots) to avoid consumption of homeo medicine, soft drinks and tender coconut water, plantain, cough syrup, mouthwash and so on before signing on for duty; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken thereon?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) : Breath analyzer test of the Loco Pilots before start of the journey is a mandatory and regular activity carefully monitored by all Zonal Railways.

The step taken by one of the Zonal Railways for preventing consumption of certain items has been amended.
