

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2780
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

INSTALLATION OF RO PLANTS/RO WATER ATMs AT RAILWAY STATIONS

†2780. DR. ANAND KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the limited facility of a potable drinking water at most of the railway stations in the country on account of which passengers are forced to buy expensive bottled water, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the Government plans to install RO water plants or RO water ATMs at railway stations to provide clean drinking water at a subsidised/minimum rates to passengers;

(c) if so, the proposed action plan and the progress made so far in that regard; and

(d) if not, the details of the Government plan, if any to launch any such scheme in the near future to provide the facility of potable drinking water at cheaper rates to the common passengers?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Ministry of Railways is committed to provide safe and potable drinking water facilities free of cost at all stations over Indian Railways as one of the minimum essential amenities.

Indian Railways ensure ample water supply at railway stations by assessing expected consumption, making alternative arrangements for shortfalls and collaboration with municipalities, local water tanker suppliers, and other sources as needed.

To ensure the quality of drinking water being made available at the railway stations, instruction exist for periodical checking and required corrective action to be taken. Regular inspection and maintenance of drinking water facilities is carried out and complaints are attended promptly.

With the objective to provide drinking water of prescribed standard to passengers at reasonable price, Water Vending Machines (WVM) are also installed at stations to cater to the needs of travelling passengers.

Presently, 1226 Water Vending Machines are operational at stations across the country.
