

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2022  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

**WASTE MANAGEMENT IN TRAIN**

**2022. SHRI ANUP SANJAY DHOTRE:**

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

- (a) whether the existing system of disposal and storage of used food plates in train compartments is leading to unhygienic conditions in coaches and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to review and reform the said practice;**
- (c) if so, the details and timeline thereof; and**
- (d) the measures taken/proposed to be taken to ensure clean, scientific and effective waste management in running trains?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d): Disposal of waste, generated from catering services in trains, is done as per the laid down procedure issued from time to time. The following measures are in place to ensure effective waste disposal in running trains:**

- Waste generated inside trains is collected and disposed in garbage disposal bags at designated en-route stations.**
- Provision of dustbin in all passenger coaches.**
- All bearers and waiters are responsible for collecting waste items from the respective coaches after serving passengers.**

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- **The collected waste material is properly segregated & secured in garbage bags to prevent littering during transportation. The bags are unloaded at designated en-route stations for further disposal.**
- **Large-sized plastic or stainless steel refuse bins with proper lids have been installed in pantry cars so that it does not contaminate the food process.**
- **No waste is kept open inside the panty car and is disposed of in appropriate manner as per rules and regulations including those for plastics and other non-environment friendly materials.**
- **Further, to ensure safe and eco-friendly disposal of human waste, all coaches are fitted with bio-toilets. Bio-toilets use bacterial treatment to decompose waste, preventing direct discharge on tracks and reducing foul smell, corrosion, and unhygienic conditions. The details of provision of bio toilets are as under:**

<b>Period</b>	<b>Number of Bio-Toilet fitted</b>
<b>2004-2014</b>	<b>9,587</b>
<b>2014-till date</b>	<b>3,61,572</b>

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