

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.91
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2016**

RAIL NEER PLANTS

†*91. SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of various 'Rail Neer plants' under operation in the country, along with profit earned/loss incurred by the Railways thereon;**
- (b) the funds made available and utilised for the purpose during the last three years;**
- (c) whether the Railways proposes to set up more 'Rail Neer' plants in various parts of the country including Mandi and Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh for supplying water in all the important trains and different outlets;**
- (d) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the time by which the plants are likely to be set up?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)**

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 91 BY SHRI RAM SWAROOP SHARMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.03.2016 REGARDING RAIL NEER PLANTS

(a): Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has been mandated by Ministry of Railways to set up Package Drinking Water (PDW) Plants for production of PDW under the brand name "Rail Neer". Five Rail Neer PDW plants are presently operational, out of which four plants at Nangloi (Delhi) (2003), Danapur (Patna) (2004), Palur (Chennai) (2011), Ambarnath(Maharashtra)(2014) have been set up by IRCTC from its own investment. One plant at Amethi (Uttar Pradesh) (2015), announced in Rail Budget 2010-11, has been made operational by IRCTC under Public Private Partnership(PPP) mode. The profit earned by IRCTC on account of Rail Neer during the last three years is ₹ 0.41 crores in 2012-13, ₹ 3.81 crores in 2013-14 and ₹ 5.42 crores in 2014-15.

(b): No funds have been allocated by Ministry of Railways to IRCTC for setting up these plants. IRCTC has generated funds for setting up these plants on its own through internal accruals or through PPP mode.

(c) to (e): As per Rail Budget pronouncements of 2010-11 and 2013-14, Rail Neer PDW plants are to be set up by IRCTC at Ambala, Mal, Nasik, Farakka, Trivandrum, Vijayawada, Nagpur, Lalitpur, Bilaspur, Jaipur, and Ahmedabad for providing quality drinking water to passengers at affordable prices. Further, IRCTC has proposed to set up two more company owned Rail Neer plants at Sankrail (West Bengal) and Hapur (NCR). Presently, no proposal is under consideration to set up Rail Neer Plant in Mandi and Kullu districts of Himachal Pradesh as there is no requirement of Rail Neer at these places. The present status of the Rail Neer Plants are as under :-

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S. No	Name of Location / Capacity (litres/day)	Zonal Railway	Present Status	Estimated cost (₹ In crore)	Likely date of commissioning
1.	Bilaspur / (72,000)	South East Central Railway	Plant & machinery under trial run	10	May 2016
2.	Parassala / (72,000)	Southern Railway	Bureau of Indian Standard (BIS) licence obtained and commercial production likely to start shortly.	8	March 2016
3.	Ambala / (72,000)	Northern Railway	Contract awarded in September, 2013. Identified Railway land at Dhulkot is yet to be licensed to IRCTC.	10	December 2016
4.	Lalitpur / (72,000)	North Central Railway	Contract awarded in October, 2014. Identified Railway land is yet to be licensed to IRCTC. North Central Railway has offered land for a period of 5 years which is not acceptable to IRCTC.	8	December 2016
5.	Nagpur / (72,000)	Central Railway	Plant building under construction.	8	September 2016
6.	Ahmedabad/ (72,000)	Western Railway	The allotted land at Pij station was cancelled by Western Railway. Financial Bid of PPP tender was opened on 19-05-2014 and awaiting for finalization due to land problem	8	June 2017

7.	Vijayawada/ (72,000)	South Central Railway	Identified Railway land at Krishna Canal yet to be licensed to IRCTC. Financial Bid of PPP tender was opened on 19-05-2014 and awaiting for finalization due to land problem.	8	June 2017
8.	Sankrail / (1,00,000)	South Eastern Railway	Land has been allotted by WBIDC in February 2015, Board of Directors has approved to set up company owned plant	20	March 2017
9	Guwahati / (72,000)	Northeast Frontier Railway	Railway land identified at Mal, however Railway Board has been requested for change of location to Guwahati. ASIDC Government of Assam has offered land at Chaygaon on the outskirts of Guwahati.	8	June 2017
10.	Nasik / (72,000)	Central Railway	Identified Railway land yet to be licensed to IRCTC. Financial Bid of PPP tender was opened on 19-05-2014 and awaiting for finalization due to land problem.	8	June 2017
11.	Jaipur / (72,000)	North Western Railway	MoU has been signed between M/s Hindustan Salts Ltd., a Central Government Public Sector undertaking.	8	June 2017
12.	NCR (Hapur) / (1,00,000)	Northern Railway	UPSIDC has allotted 4 acres land in Hapur district in October 2014.	20	June 2017
13	Farakka (72,000)	Eastern Railway	Railway land identified and licensing is in process. Tender opened on 24.01.14	8	June 2017
