GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1022 TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.03.2016

SWACHH RAIL-SWACHH BHARAT

1022. SHRI M. RAJA MOHAN REDDY: ADV. NARENDRA KESHAV SAWAIKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is planning to launch "Swachh Rail-Swachh Bharat" drive and if so, the time by which the drive is likely to commence;
- (b) whether the drive will include all sorts of cleanliness i.e. stations, tracks and coaches and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to create awareness amongst the passengers about their role in maintenance of cleanliness; and
- (d) The criteria adopted for identifying the stations?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) Yes, Madam. Under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Special Cleanliness Campaign, 'Swachh Rail Swachh Bharat Mission' was launched on Indian Railways on 2nd Oct, 2014. On completion of one year of Swachh Bharat Mission, theme based cleanliness drives have been launched by Indian Railways from 25th Sept, 2015. (b) Regular drives are organised to improve cleanliness at Railway premises including Railway stations, trains and tracks. Weekly special intensive cleaning drives at Railway stations in rotation have also been undertaken by Zonal Railways.

(c) & (d) Railways undertake regular drives at all important stations as decided by Zonal Railways to create awareness among passengers on cleanliness through print and electronic media, posters, signages, Public announcements, etc. In addition Charitable Institutions / Social Organisations including voluntary organisations have been associated to undertake awareness campaign at the railway stations of their choice.

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