GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1691 TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2016

RAIL NEER

†1691. SHRI KESHAV PRASAD MAURYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to provide facility of 'Rail Neer' to all passengers of reserved classes on the lines of Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Government is considering to restart the non-optional taps in all the stations of the country by installing R.O. system on these taps;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the plan proposed by the Government to address the problem of drinking water of rail passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

- (a): No, Madam.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c) to (e): It is Railways' endeavour to provide drinking water at all stations on Indian Railways. Reverse Osmosis (RO) process involves substantial wastage of water depending upon its quality and will require uninterrupted power supply. As such, eight stations viz. Bhopal, Dwarka, Gadag, Guwahati, Hazrat Nizamuddin, Madurai, Patna and Tirupati stations have been identified for provision of RO drinking water units on experimental basis. Further, 346 Water Vending Machines have been provided at stations.
