

**Passengers Amenities Committee of the Railways**

2829. SHRI SOLIPETA RAMACHANDRA REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Passengers Amenities Committee has submitted its report to Government;

(b) if so, the details of suggestions, particularly for cleanliness drive by the Railways, Zone-wise; and

(c) by when necessary action on the suggestions of the Committee is expected to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL). (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee after conducting inspections at various stations and discussion with railway officials have made certain observations/ suggestions for improving general cleanliness and environmental condition at station premises. These include introduction of Pay & Use system at toilets, special cleaning operation, constitution of Task Force at various levels for evaluating the functioning of the stations and improving passengers amenities etc.

(c) The observations/suggestions of the Committee have been noted. Infact cleanliness being a continuous process, some of the suggestions made by the Committee have already been implemented like introduction of 'Pay & Use' scheme of toilets emphasis on mechanised cleaning processes, provision of washable aprons & additional dustbins, regular removal of garbage, spraying of the insecticides, repairs to drains, monthly intensive cleaning of coaches, deployment of travelling safaiwalas on selected trains and education of public through various media. A filip has been given by launching special drives involving senior officers.