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East Central	724
East Coast	641
Northern	1371
North Central	460
North Eastern	1359
Northeast Frontier	743
North Western	1203
Southern	1005
South Central	873
South Eastern	831
South East Central	534
South Western	657
Western	2343
West Central	201
TOTAL	13530

Scarcity of packaged water

913. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether scarcity of packaged water has added to the miseries of the vendors at railway stations;

(b) whether vendors have complained that IRCTC is not supplying bottles of 'Rail Neer' according to demand;

(c) whether vendors claim that for inadequate supply, they are neither able to meet the demand nor can sell bottles of other companies not allowed by IRCTC;

(d) if so, the steps Government is taking to ensure adequate supply of Rail Neer bottles or permit vendors to sell bottles of other brands; and

(e) the steps taken by Railways to curtail price of packaged Rail Neer?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (d) As per extant policy guidelines wherever Rail Neer packaged drinking water bottles (PDW) is not adequately available, other BIS (Bureau of Indian Standard) approved packaged drinking water bottles having requisite laid down standards, are shortlisted by Zonal Railways and permitted for sale over the Railways. To ensure adequate availability of Rail Neer, Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has set up three drinking water plants at Nangloi (Delhi) and Danapur (Bihar) and Palur (Tamil Nadu) for production of 1 litre packaged drinking water bottles. Apart from this, six bottling plants are to be set up by IRCTC at Ambala, Amethi, Mal, Nasik, Farakka and Trivandrum as announced in Railway Budget 2010-11.

(e) The sale price of Rail Neer is based on the cost of production and distribution.

Poor condition of railway stations

914. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there are many railway stations in Maharashtra that are in a dilapidated condition due to poor maintenance;

(b) whether it is also a fact that shelters on the platform are breaking apart and during rains, water leaks and flows onto the platforms;

(c) if so, the corrective measures Railways would take to improve conditions at the stations; and

(d) if so, the names of those railway stations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (d) No railway station in Maharashtra is in dilapidated condition. However, repair and maintenance of infrastructure including platform shelters is a continuous process. Corrective action is taken for repairs/rectification whenever deficiencies are noticed either as a result of regular inspections or through public complaints.

Disinvestment in PSUs under Railways

915. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: