

**Green toilets in trains and at stations**

460. SHRI BAISHNAB PARIDA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to build green toilets in the running trains and on the stations/railway premises in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether this process has since been initiated on the Indian railway system, if so, the details with progress of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways are installing green toilets namely bio-toilets in passenger coaches.

However, at present, there is no proposal to install Green - toilets at the Railway stations/premises.

(b) Yes, Sir. The process has been initiated on Indian Railways. Bio-toilets, based on the indigenously developed design/technology in association with Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) are being proliferated by Indian Railways. Till date, more than 29,000 bio-toilets have been installed in passenger coaches of Indian Railways.

**Discontinuance of passenger trains**

†461. SHRI LAL SINH VADODIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government is considering to discontinue passenger trains;

(b) if so, whether Government is contemplating to provide some other mode to passengers travelling in these passenger trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**New railway lines in North Purvanchal**

†462. SHRI TARUN VIJAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the places in north Purvanchal where new railway lines are being laid; and

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