

**Reworking of strategy for maintenance in Railways**

116. SHRI SAMBHAJI CHHATRAPATI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that initiatives taken by Railways to keep railway stations, railway yards and passenger trains neat and clean have proved to be unsatisfactory as is inferred from the ground conditions, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether Government has taken any decision to rework the strategy to maintain cleanliness in railways at par with other developed countries, even to the extent of adopting PPP model?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir. Indian Railways have taken various initiatives in improving cleanliness of stations, trains, yards and all other premises. Some of the major initiatives taken towards improvement of cleanliness are:—

- (i) Mechanized cleaning methods have been adopted in major stations.
- (ii) Regular intensive cleanliness drives are undertaken at various railway stations by Zonal Railways.
- (iii) Enforcement of Indian Railways (Penalties for activities affecting cleanliness at railway premises) Rules, 2012 has been intensified.
- (iv) Use of CCTVs has been extended for monitoring of cleanliness activities at major stations.
- (v) For better cleaning of coaches of trains, mechanized coach cleaning at Depots, On Board Housekeeping Services (OBHS) in important long distance trains, “Clean My Coach” and Clean Train Station (CTS) schemes have been provided.

This has resulted in visible improvement in cleanliness.

(b) New Standard Bid Document (SBD) has been issued recently which is being implemented for integrated housekeeping of stations and trains. This will further improve effectiveness of housekeeping contracts.

**Trains between Ahmedabad and Mumbai**

117. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present trains, class-wise, plying between Ahmedabad and Mumbai, their capacity, occupancy, schedule, fare slabs and revenue generated along with profit or loss to Railways since 2014 till date;