

Doubling of Haridwar-Laksar (27.03 km.) falling fully/partly in the State of Uttarakhand has been taken up. An outlay of ₹ 75.00 crore has been proposed for this project for the year 2018-19.

Soiled toilets at railway stations of Delhi and NCR

†2539. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that people seldom use the toilets situated at railway stations of Delhi and National Capital Region (NCR) because of their remaining unclean;

(b) if so, whether toilets are cleaned daily or weekly, the details thereof;

(c) whether permanent appointments of staff have been made for cleaning up work;

(d) if not, whether Government shall appoint permanent staff for regular cleaning of toilets; and

(e) if not, whether sanitation work could be given on contract basis?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) and (b) Toilets at Railway Stations of Delhi and NCR are used regularly and therefore, cleaned at regular intervals on daily basis as per requirement. Maintenance of cleanliness is a continuous process. All out efforts are being made to further improve the standard of cleanliness of railway stations including toilets.

(c) to (e) Zonal Railways have been authorized to form their own policy on operation and maintenance including cleanliness of toilets at various categories of stations and award contracts for maintaining toilets through 'Pay and Use' or maintain them in-house by deploying Railway staff as per the situation/site conditions.

Cleanliness cess

2540. DR. KANWAR DEEP SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways charge 0.5 per cent of the fare in the name of cleanliness;

(b) if so, the amount collected so far;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.