### GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2846 ANSWERED ON 19.03.2021

#### **BIO-TOILETS IN RAILWAY COACHES**

#### 2846. SHRI PRABHAKAR REDDY VEMIREDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that mechanical engineers of Southern Railway have come up with a small modification in bio-toilets fitted in railway coaches which could save one crore kiloliters of water every year;
- (b) if so, the details of modifications and whether any consultations have been held in this regard with the Southern Railway; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof?

#### **ANSWER**

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

- (a): During the year 2019, trial was done on 4 coaches by Southern Railway for recycling the toilet discharge water. However, the trial was not successful due to various issues including hygiene issues and the coaches were reconverted to original bio-toilet system.
- (b) & (c): Do not arise.

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