

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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COCKROACH AND RAT MENACE IN THE TRAINS

1588 # SHRI VINAY DINU TENDULKAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether cockroaches and rats found in the trains are damaging the baggage of the passengers and also causing harm to the health of the passengers;
- (b) the name of the department that is going to be assigned the responsibility to fix this problem;
- (c) by when action would be taken to ensure safe travel of the passengers; and
- (d) the details of the action taken in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
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(a) and (b) Railway's Mechanical Department oversees the work of Pest and Rodent control in coaches mainly through outsourcing contracts. Penalties are imposed upon contractors on detection of deficiencies.

(c) and (d) Following steps have been taken to eliminate this problem and to ensure safe travel of passengers:

(i) Contracts for regular Pests and Rodent control in coaches have been awarded to professional agencies. This includes:

- All AC, Non AC reserved and un-reserved coaches including pantry cars.

Rat pads are being provided in coaches to control the rodents.

- In addition to coaches, Rodent Control is being done in pit lines, maintenance yards and Railway stations to have full control.
- Glue boards are also available with train escorting staff for en-route requirement, if arises.
- Fumigation of coaches.

(ii) Regular monitoring is being done vigilantly by Railway Staff for proper execution of the contracts.

(iii) Surprise inspections are carried out to ensure proper performance by the contractors and penalties are levied on detection of deficiencies.

(iv) In case of passenger complaints, the coaches are again given pest & rodent control treatment.
