

HON'BLE MINISTER OF STATE FOR RAILWAYS SHRI MUNIYAPPA INSPECTS BORIVALI STATION

Shri K.H. Muniyappa, Hon'ble Union Minister of State for Railways visited Borivali Railway station on 10th June, 2011 and interacted with the elected representatives, passenger associations and general public to have first hand knowledge of their problems.

Shri Muniyappa stated that for the first time in the History of the Country, the Annual Plan of Railways have been fixed at Rs.57,630 crores which is Rs.16,204 crores higher than that of last year's budget. Shri Muniyappa said that he had discussed the railway projects being taken up in the State with Hon'ble Chief Minister of Maharashtra, who has come forward to provide all possible assistance for completion of



★ Shri K.H. Muniyappa, Hon'ble MOSR speaking at Borivali rly. station on 10th June, 2011. Also seen are Shri Sanjay Nirupam, Hon'ble MP, Shri Kul Bhushan, Ex. GM, Western Railway and Shri Girish Pillai, DRM, Mumbai Division.

the projects in time. The meeting at Borivali was attended by Shri Sanjay Nirupam, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Shri Kul Bhushan, Ex General Manager, Western Railway, Shri S. K. Jain, Addl. General Manager, Western Railway, Shri Girish Pillai, Divisional Railway Manager, Mumbai Division and other senior officials.

The Minister was apprised of major demands of suburban sections of Mumbai i.e. Western and Central Railway. He held a meeting

with the railway officials and discussed various memorandums and demands submitted during the interaction. He instructed that all the demands should be examined and necessary action be taken on priority.

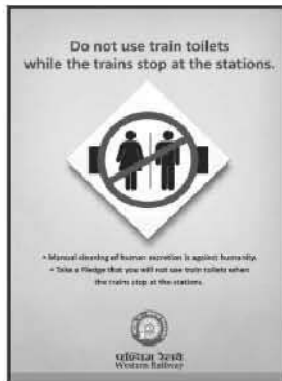
WR'S CAMPAIGN FOR BEHAVIORAL CHANGE TO ENSURE CLEANLINESS AT STATIONS

Western Railway is undertaking an extensive campaign to ensure cleanliness at stations by educating people against the unhygienic practice of using train toilets at stations. Many people use the train toilets in long distance trains when the trains are halted at station. The waste released at the stations dirties the station environment and also has to be cleaned by staff. Under the social awareness campaign, WR is appealing to the passengers not to use toilets at stations and is also asking for pledge from passengers to follow the hygiene while traveling.

To give wide Publicity to the cause, special posters and sticker campaign has been undertaken by WR. Posters/Stickers are put inside the train and at stations, educating people about how unhygienic habit of using train toilets when trains are at stations affects others health. It may be noted that every passenger travelling, will himself use one or the other station and will not like an unhealthy and unhygienic environment. Also cleaning human facets on railway tracks at stations is done by cleaning staff which is very difficult and inhuman. The campaign is aimed at bringing about behavioral change in passengers by displaying messages at various places.

Along with poster and sticker campaign, an SMS campaign has also been initiated wherein regular SMSes are sent to people to educate them against this unhealthy practice. Some of the SMSes sent read:-

'Hygiene is key to good health-Please do not use the toilets when the train is at the station. Keep the trains & stations clean'



'Help us to serve you better-Keep coaches & toilets clean. Please do not use toilets when the train is halted at station'

To provide clean and healthy environment to its passengers, Western Railway undertakes regular cleaning of trains and station premises. Major stations have been provided with washable aprons below the railway tracks for easy cleaning of tracks. External and internal cleaning of train coaches is done at the yards and during the run, trains are cleaned at Ahmedabad and Ratlam stations by professional agencies. On Board House

keeping has also been introduced on many trains for enroute cleaning wherein aisles and toilets are cleaned enroute by professional agencies. Green toilets have been introduced on Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains. In these toilets the waste is not disposed when trains are halted, instead it gets collected and is released when train attains certain speed. The facility of green toilets is being extended on all new age rakes.

WR's efforts to provide clean and healthy environment can be a success only when every individual commits himself to join the same by avoiding use of train toilets when train is at stations. It may be a small step by a single person, but collectively it is a giant leap to keep our surrounding clean. Western Railway is committed to provide clean and hygienic environment to its passengers. Active support from passengers is solicited in maintaining cleanliness and hygiene at the stations to make the travel pleasant and comfortable for themselves and others.