

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
(RAILWAY BOARD) (रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. 2025/EnHM/06/02/Cleanliness drives

New Delhi, dated 07.02.2025

**General Managers,
All Zonal Railways.**

Sub: Measures for improvement of Bio-toilets.

Ref: Board letter no. 2025/EnHM/06/01/Cleanliness Drives dated 17.01.2025.

In terms of above referred letter, one week special drive for monitoring the Bio- tanks at En- route stations across IR was conducted. The special drive has however revealed that much has yet to be done on bio toilet maintenance. A review meeting with PCMEs/Zonal Railways on this issue was also held under the chairmanship of MTRS on 04.02.25.

To provide a clean and hygienic environment to travelling passengers, Zonal Railways are advised to provide special emphasis on maintenance of bio toilets as per instructions issued from time to time. In addition, following measures needs special attention for implementation at the field level:

- i. All Coaching Depots/Workshops need to ensure the quality of AMI (Anaerobic Microbial Inoculum) before topping-up the Bio-tanks.
 - ii. Zonal Railways should ensure the development of adequate in-house AMI testing facilities with requisite accreditations at appropriate locations within their jurisdiction, at the earliest.
 - iii. Coaching Depots/Workshops should invariably verify the efficacy of AMI through in-house testing or at NABL accredited lab (while the in-house facility is being set up), after receipt from the supplier to cross-verify the certification submitted and also at regular intervals, on need basis.
 - iv. Procurement of AMI should be carried out through DRDO approved vendors only. For this purpose, a suitable filter be placed in IREPS/ any other procurement platform in use, to ensure procurement from only DRDO approved vendors.
 - v. Under no circumstances, AMI with an expired validity be used for topping up.
 - vi. Planned and directed approach towards attending the defective components in the system apart from use of proper tools and implements be ensured.
 - vii. Stringent quality checks on the material (like rubber hoses, clips, connectors etc), whether supplied through the outsourced agency or procured by Zonal Railways, be ensured.
2. At the Zonal level, HODs concerned with EnHM related activities be directed to conduct a detailed audit to check the adequacy of maintenance practice, including the above mentioned activities, in primary coaching depots and coaching workshops.
3. Detailed Audit report of the first primary maintenance Depot / Coaching Workshop of every Zonal Railway should be sent to ED / EnHM within 7 days of issue of this letter along with action taken on deficiencies, wherever found, under the signature of PCME of Zonal Railway.
4. It may also be ensured that such audits on the entire Railway are completed within one month of the issue of this letter, and audit reports submitted to ED / EnHM for perusal of Railway Board.


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Railway Board.

Copy to: PCMEs/Zonal Railways, for compliance of aforesaid instructions, please.