

**Introduction of New Catering Service
in Trains**

435. SHRI R.M. BHOYE :
SHRI HARISH RAWAT :
SHRI ANANTA PRASAD
SETHI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS
be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways have introduced
a new catering service for the travelling
public;

(b) whether it is also a fact that eco-
nomy, variety and reasonable cost are the
hallmark of the new catering programme
introduced on a limited basis in trains; and

(c) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI BANSI LAL) : (a) to (c) With a view
to provide hot and tasty food in hygienic
condition at reasonable tariff to the passen-
gers on the Indian Railways, the service
of revised pattern of menu in disposable
aluminium casseroles has been introduced in
consultation with India Tourism Develop-
ment Corporation on some selected trains
w e f 1.6.1985. To start with, the servce
of revised menu was introduced on 81/82,
103/104 Deluxe Expresses and 191/192
Magadh Express train on the Howrah-New
Delhi route. As the response of the clien-
tele on these trains was favourable to the
new service, the same, with slight modifica-
tions in the items in the menu, was extended
to 25/26 Deluxe Express and 3/4 Frontier
Mail w e f 1.7.1985 on the Bombay—New
Delhi route also. In view of the favourable
response of the public, the servi e of the
revised pattern of menu is likely to be ex-
tended further to cover some more important
trains in future. Varieties of the meels and
their tariff are as shown below :—

<i>Item in the Menu</i>	<i>Tariff in Rs.</i>
1. Economy Meals	Ranging between Rs 2/- and Rs. 3
2. <i>Standard Meals</i> <i>Breakfast</i>	
(a) Vegetarian	5.00
(b) Non-vegetarian	5.50

3. <i>Lunch/Dinner</i>	
(a) Vegetarian	6.00
(b) Non-vegetarian	7.00
4. <i>Special Meals (only lunch/ dinner)</i>	
(a) Vegetarian	7.00
(b) Non-vegetarian	13.00
5. <i>Standard Snacks</i>	
(a) Vegetable Cutlets	3.00
(b) Vegetable Sandwiches	3.00

Water-Borne Diseases in Rural Areas

437. SHRI LALA RAM KEN : Will
the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY
WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that water borne
diseases are the main cause of ill-health in
rural areas ;

(b) whether the Government are con-
templating or arrangements have been made
to include Chlorine-water purification tab-
lets in the Kit being provided to every
Village Health Guide to enable them to purify
drinking water in their respective villages;

(c) whether 'Chloroscope', a cheap and
best modern method devised by NEERI to
access the potability of drinking water in
our rural areas, is being provided to every
village Health Guide; and

(d) if so, details thereof and how quic-
kly these preventive measures will be im-
plemented at this ideas is being considered
for the last so many years without practical
action ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION
AND POWER (SHRI B SHANKARA-
NAND) : (a) It is true that water-borne
diseases, especially diarrhoeal diseases are
one of the main causes of ill-health in the
rural areas.

(b) At the present moment Chlorine
tablets are not provided in the village Health
Guide Kits. However, State Governments
have been advised to provide them separately
to the Village Health Guides.

(c) 1000 chloroscopes have been supplied to the village health guides in selected areas on an experimental basis to gauge its efficacy.

(d) In order to provide safe water supply facilities in the identified problem villages the Central Government initiated the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARP) in 1977-78 which had continued during the 6th plan and provision has been made for the Programme in 1985-86 also. As per report furnished by the State Government, a total of 192024 problem villages have been provided with at least one source of safe drinking water supply during the 6th plan. In addition the Centre has also requested the various States to provide additional funds under the Minimum Needs Programme to improve upon the performance in this sector.

Decline in Meningitis and Value Imported Vaccines

438. SHRI MANIK REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that meningitis is on the decline;

(b) whether it is a fact that our medical research has failed to keep ahead of times and fulfil the needs of the country as other countries are doing; and

(c) whether it is a fact that meningitis vaccine is being imported from the West Germany, U.K.... U.S.A. and if so, details of imports and value thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. In fact the major emphasis of all medical research has been towards development of simple and field suited methods of diagnosis, treatment and control of various diseases.

(c) Six lakhs doses of meningococcal vaccine have been procured through WHO and distributed to the State Governments Institute/Hospitals for vaccinating identified high risk groups.

New Process to Check Spreading of Malaria

439. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some new processes have been adopted to check the spreading of malaria; and

(b) if so, what are the new processes developed by the scientists to check malaria in the malaria prone areas ?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, an Integrated Disease Vector Control strategy with emphasis on source reduction, minor engineering works, biological control using the larvivorous fishes, chemotherapy health education and environmental improvement, is being carried out on an experimental basis in one district of Gujarat by the Malaria Research Centre of the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Development of Cochin Shipyard during Seventh Plan

440. SHRI K. MOHANDAS : Will the Minister of SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any scheme for the development of the Cochin Shipyard during the Seventh Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING AND TRANSPORT (SHRI Z.R. ANSARI) : (a) and (b) Certain proposals for the development of Cochin Shipyard were considered by the Working Group set up by Government for the formulation of VIIIth Five Year Plan on Shipbuilding and Shiprepair Industry. Since the content and size of the VIIIth Plan have not yet been finalised the picture will be clear only after finalisation of the overall VIIIth Five Year Plan and detailed economic and financial viability of such schemes.

Increasing Power Generation

441. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT : Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state :