

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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FOOD PLAZAS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether IRCTC has decided to introduce Food Plazas in Railway Stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the introduction of Food Plazas will lead to job losses of existing catering workers; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken by the Railways to protect the jobs of catering workers?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) and (b): At present 52 Food Plazas are under operation on Indian Railways at Patna-First Floor, Patna- Ground Floor, Howrah (New & Old Complex), Vishakapatnam, Ranchi, Bilaspur, Raipur, Mughal Sarai, Sealdah, Jharsuguda, Delhi Main, Nizamuddin, Allahabad, Lucknow, Jaipur, Varanasi, Tirupati, Vijayawada, Vijayawada-II, Kacheguda, Rajamundry, Secunderabad, Coimbatore, Chennai Central, Chennai Egmore, Chennai Beach, Chennai Park, Bangalore, Thrissur, Madurai, Tiruchchirappalli, Shoranur, Ernakulam North, Ernakulam South, Katpadi, Cannanore, Pune, Mumbai Central, Mumbai CST-Suburban Concourse, Mumbai CST-Main line Bldg, Mumbai Churchgate, Mumbai Churchgate-II, Nagpur, Agra, Habibganj, Jabalpur, Ahmedabad, Bhusawal, Akola, Surat and Bhopal.

Indian Railway and Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) will further commission, six new food plazas at Palghat, Calicut, Dhone, Mangalore, Kota and Puri by April, 2010. Besides, 25 Food Plazas of IRCTC are under construction at Pune, Manmad, Nasik, Thane, Vadodara, Ahmednagar, Matheran, Rajkot, Solapur, Daund, Ghaziabad, Amritsar, Salem, Erode, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore Cantt. Dharmavaram, Guwahati, Darjeeling, Ghum, Ranigarh, Kharagpur, Tata Nagar, Bhubaneshwar and Cuttack.

(c): There will be no loss of job for existing catering staff since Food Plazas are provided in addition to the existing catering units.

(d): Does not arise.