

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PANTRY CARS IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether there is any criteria to attach pantry cars in trains;
- (b): if so, the details thereof and the details of important long distance trains which are proposed to be provided with pantry cars in the current year;
- (c): whether the Railways are aware of the fact that Hazrat Nizamuddin-Eranakulam Duronto Express does not have the availability of meals and even water; and
- (d): if so, the corrective measures being taken to provide such basic facilities?

Answer

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

- (a): Attachment of Pantry Cars to the trains is considered based on various factors such as operational feasibility, priority of the train, journey time, commercial justification, availability of pantry cars, load of the train, etc. among others.
- (b): The proposed list of trains to be provided with pantry cars during 2010-11 is not yet finalized.
- (c): No, Madam. The Hazrat Nizamuddin - Eranakulam Duronto has provision for meals and water in AC as well as non-AC Class. Further, special monitoring for Duronto trains is being done by Railways to ensure provision of good quality on-board catering services.
- (d): Does not arise.