

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:919
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FOOD POISONING IN DURONTO EXPRESS
Panda Shri Prabodh

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many of the passengers including children of the Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Duronto Express were hospitalized in Kozhikode after complaining of suspected food poisoning recently;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways have ordered any enquiry into the incident;
- (d) if so, whether any compensation were paid to the affected passengers and steps have been taken to ensure serving of quality food items to the passengers in the Railways; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a): An Incident involving food poisoning of few passengers has been reported on 17-05-2010 in Hazrat Nizamuddin-Ernakulam Duronto Express at Kozhikode.

(b): In all 30 passengers(18 adult, 12 children) from 6 different coaches out of 1064 who were served breakfast, fell ill and required medical help. An on- board doctor has been provided on Duronto Express. They were attended to by Railway doctor and subsequently by the Civil Doctors. 11 passengers (8 adult, 3 children) were discharged after OPD treatment and 19(10 adult, 9 children) passengers were hospitalized at Kozhikode. They were finally discharged next morning.

(c): Yes, Madam. An enquiry has been conducted by Southern Railway.

(d) and (e): The affected passengers and their relatives were provided all possible assistance including catering and drinking water. These passengers alongwith their attendants/ relatives were sent through a special AC coach attached by Parsuram Express from Kozhikode to Ernakulam.

An ex-gratia amount of Rs. 15000/- each was announced to provide relief to the nineteen hospitalized persons.