

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:462  
ANSWERED ON:06.08.2009  
PANTRY CARS IN TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria for attaching pantry cars in trains;
- (b) the details of the important long distance trains which are proposed to be provided with pantry cars in the current year;
- (c) the details of such long distance express trains which continue to run without having pantry cars;
- (d) whether any action plan has been drawn up by the Railways to provide pantry cars to more number of such trains; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS ( KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE )

(a) to (e) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 462 BY SHRI BAIJAYANT JAY PANDA AND SHRI DEVJI M. PATEL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 06.08.2009 REGARDING PANTRY CARS IN TRAINS.

(a): Attachment of Pantry Cars to the trains is considered on the basis of various factors such as the availability of rolling stock, the duration of the journey, priority of the train, the timings, commercial justification, operational feasibility etc.

(b) ; (d) and (e) : Plan for attachment of pantry cars on long distance trains in the current year is under finalization.

(c): 139 pairs of long distance mail/Express trains having running time of more than 24 hours are not provided with pantry cars. Service of food in these trains is provided through train side vending facilities as well as catering facilities at stations enroute.