

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PROCUREMENT OF FOOD FOR CATERING
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms/procedure followed by the Railways for procuring food articles including non-veg items;
- (b) whether the passengers/ employees have ever fallen sick after consuming said non-vegetarian food in the recent past;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the preventive measures taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a): There is an elaborate system of shortlisting reputed suppliers of various Proprietary Articles Depot (PAD) and Non - Proprietary Articles Depot (NPAD) items for use and service over Indian Railways network. All the suppliers including Non-veg items are shortlisted after fulfilling various stringent parameters of eligibility criteria.

(b) and (c): As per conclusive reports available, an incident involving few passengers falling sick after consuming non-vegetarian breakfast (Bread-omelette) had been reported on 17.05.2010 in Hazrat Nizamuddin- Ernakulam Duronto Express at Kozhikode. In this incident 19 passengers were hospitalized and 11 passengers took treatment in the OPD in Government Hospital, Calicut. After treatment the passengers were taken to Ernakulam by Parasuram Express on 19.05.2010.

(d): Supervision and monitoring has been strengthened through an institutional mechanism to be put in place by the zonal railways as per new Catering Policy 2010. Similarly, a Standard Bid Document for selection of service providers will be redesigned with weightage for quality parameters to ensure cleanliness and hygiene.