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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that private players are being allowed to establish budget accommodations on Railways property;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also a fact that Railways have encouraged private participation in catering services; and
- (d) if so, the details and implications thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Budget hotels form part of the Multi Functional Complexes (MFCs) and World-class station projects, subject to their viability. 160 stations have been identified for MFCs and 50 for World-class stations.

(c) and (d): Under the new Catering policy introduced with effect from 21.7.2010, zonal railways have been made directly responsible for supervision of catering services in a phased manner while IRCTC has been made responsible for Food Plazas, Food court, Fast Food Units etc. Partnership with private sector in identified areas is part of the policy. As a result of the change, the catering services will be better and closely monitored so as to ensure that the passengers are served better.