

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FOOD ITEMS IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to include the local food items which are most popular in the respective States in trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways have any proposal to introduce the system of booking the food items;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): Railways are already providing popular local food items to Railway passengers such as idly, dosa, vada, pongal, upma, sambar tamarind rice, lemon rice, curd rice, sambar rice, veg. and non-veg biryani, puri chhole, parantha, etc., as per standard menu as well as through a-la-carte items.

(c) to (e): Railway is a vast organization operating 17,754 trains including 10,385 passenger carrying trains and carrying more than 18 million passengers per day throughout the country. Due to the vastness of the system, prior ordering of food is not feasible at present. However, orders for food are taken in the running trains and food, as per order, is supplied through pantry cars or at the serving stations.