

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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LACED FOOD IN KERALA BOUND TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether many instances of railway travellers falling victims to vendors serving food laced with sedatives has been reported;
- (b) the number of such instance reported in Kerala bound trains;
- (c) whether IRCTC has revived operation of base kitchens serving long distance non-stop trains;
- (d) if so, whether IRCTC plans to introduce raids by food inspectors for on-board inspection of food items being serve to passengers;
and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): No, Madam.

(c) to (e): A new Catering Policy 2010 has been introduced w.e.f. 21.07.2010 which has laid emphasis on ensuring quality of food served on Railways. Under policy, management and supervision of on-board catering has been brought back to railways from IRCTC. For effecting improvements in mobile catering, an all- India grid of base kitchens, within railway premises has been given a thrust, as part of this policy, so as to ensure better supervision. Periodical checks are now conducted by Inspectors under PFA Act. of on-board quality of food.