

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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ISSUANCE OF VENDING PASSES

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have formulated any criteria for issuing vending passes at railway stations;
- (b) if so, whether any restriction has been imposed on the number of vending passes to be issued by the divisional authorities;
- (c) if so, whether this move has resulted into curtailment of employment avenues for large part of catering sections; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways in this regard ?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): Yes, Madam. The number of staff of authorized licensees of the catering units permitted to sell eatables on stations is based on the quantum of passengers dealt with on the station, number of train stoppages, train timing and the size of the units. Accordingly medical cards are issued by the Railways to the staff.

(c): No, Madam.

(d): Does not arise.