

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:227  
ANSWERED ON:29.03.2012  
PANTRY CARS IN LONG DISTANCE TRAINS  
Maadam Shri Vikrambhai Arjanbhai

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

- (a) the number of trains which run more than 1000 kms. and do not have pantry cars;
- (b) the reasons for not providing this facility in those trains so far;
- (c) the targets set for providing this facility in such trains; and
- (d) the time by which the pantry car facilities are likely to be provided in those trains?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MUKUL ROY)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 227 BY SHRI AHIR VIKRAMBHAI ARJANBHAI MAADAM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 29.03.2012 REGARDING PANTRY CARS IN LONG DISTANCE TRAINS.

(a): 212 pairs of Mail/Express trains running for more than 1000 kilometres, presently do not have a pantry car.

(b) to (d): The attachment of pantry cars to trains is considered based on various factors such as priority of the train, (first priority to Duronto/Rajdhani then Super fast Mail/Express trains then the trains running more than 24 hours either way), commercial justification, availability of pantry cars, load limitation in the trains etc. In cases where trains are not provided with a Pantry Car, the catering services are provided through Train Side Vending (TSV) or through static catering units at stations.