

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:304
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2012
QUALITY FOOD AT AFFORDABLE RATES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken adequate steps for providing hygienic and quality food and drinking water at cheaper rates in all the trains and at the railway stations in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the funds earmarked for the purpose during the current year; and
- (d) the other steps taken by the Railways to provide eatables at reasonable rates at all the stations in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY 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. 304 BY SHRIADHIR CHOWDHURY AND SHRI MURARI LAL SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.04.2012 REGARDING QUALITY FOOD AT AFFORDABLE RATES.

(a), (b) & (d): In order to provide hygienic and good quality food and drinking water to passengers adequate steps have been initiated in the New Catering Policy, 2010 issued on 21st July 2010. Emphasis has been placed to ensure the availability of quality food at cheaper rates by setting up of Jan Ahaar outlets and sale of Janta Meals and low cost affordable regional cuisine in static and mobile catering units. Supervision and monitoring has been strengthened by the zonal railways by deploying railway personnel, who check quality and hygiene and take corrective action in a time-bound manner. A uniform tariff for Standard meals, Breakfast, Tea/Coffee for sale on trains and at stations has been fixed by the Ministry of Railway. The rates of Janta meals have been fixed at Rs. 10/- per packet. These rates have not been increased since 2003. The rate of Packaged Drinking Water (PDW) has been kept uniform on Indian Railways which is sold at Rs. 12/- for 1000 ml.

(c): Earmarking of funds for improvement in catering facilities is a continuous process for which allocation is made as per requirement.