

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:200
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RISE IN PRICES OF FOOD ARTICLES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have received the complaints of rise in the prices of food articles sold in the Refreshment Rooms of the Railways recently;

(b) if so, the measures taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to ensure the quantity and quality of the food items at reasonable price; and Rooms in Kerala proposed to be entrusted to women's Kudumbashree units for running?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): No, Madam. There is no change in the prices of food articles being sold from refreshment rooms since 2008. The tariff fixed by railways are quite reasonable. Railways takes various measures such as inspection and food monitoring etc. through officers and Quality Control Professionals (QCPs) to ensure quality of food items. Punitive actions are also being taken against defaulting licensees by imposing heavy fines in case of major deficiencies and warnings in case of minor deficiencies.

(c): The catering policy is under review.