

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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STALLS AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether any proposal for allowing sale of medicines and miscellaneous articles at various stalls at railways stations throughout the country is under consideration of the Railways;
- (b) if so, the time by which the said proposal is likely to be finalised and implemented;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Railways have allowed cooking food items at said stalls on railway platforms of all stations except the suburban stations;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and whether it is also true that various railway zones have not implemented the order till date; and
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a): No, Madam.

(b): Does not arise.

(c) to (e): Cooking, on platforms of stations has been made permissible for preparation of food items like Tea, Poori-bhaji, Dosa, Vada, Pakoda, Samosa and other small consumable items with a view to provide good quality, fresh, hygienic, local and regional cuisines to the travelling passengers, subject to restrictions like safety of distance from passenger, using of industrial gas, protected piping, fittings, ensuring fire extinguisher, installation of leak detector etc. for safety passengers. The implementation is thus under process. Further, no cooking has been allowed in case of suburban stations.