

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4247  
ANSWERED ON:06.09.2012  
AZAMGARH RAILWAY STATION  
Bali Ram Dr.

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

- (a) whether improvement in facilities such as overbridge on Belaisa crossing, raising the level of platform No.2 of the railway station, proper provision of catering at Azamgarh railway station and pantry car in Kaifiyat Express have been raised from time to time;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

- (a) & (b): Yes, Madam. Representations have been received regarding these issues at various levels of Railway administrations, Railway Stations, Divisions, Zonal Railways, Railway Board etc. including from the Hon'ble Member of Parliament.
- (c): (i) A Road Over Bridge (ROB) has been sanctioned on cost sharing basis in 2006-07 in lieu of Belaisa level crossing No.29-A at Sarai Rani near Azamgarh. The work in railway portion is in advance stage of completion and is likely to be completed by October 2012.
- (ii) Work of raising of platform No.2 at Azamgarh station is a sanctioned work, and shall be undertaken as per availability of funds.
- (iii) At present, there are two trolleys available to provide the catering services at Azamgarh Railway Station. Further, for provision of new catering stalls, tenders had been invited but no tenderer qualified as per the eligibility criteria.
- (iv) As regards to attachment of pantry car in Kaifiyat Express (Train No.12225-26), presently, there is no pantry car attached to this train. However, the catering services are provided through Train Side Vending (TSV). The demands for attachment of pantry cars to the trains are 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), its commercial justification, availability of pantry cars and load limitation in the trains etc.