GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:293
ANSWERED ON:13.12.2012
PANTRY CARS IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the catering services in long distance passenger trains are not provided through pantry cars;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the said facility has also been withdrawn from certain trains where it was being provided earlier, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Railways are considering restoration of such facility in the trains; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor along with the steps taken or being taken by the to address the issue?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 293 BY SHRI RAKESH SINGH AND SHRI SURESH KALMADI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 13.12.2012 REGARDING PANTRY CARS IN TRAINS.

(a) and (b): All Rajdhani/ long distance Duronto Express trains have been provided with pantry cars. For other long distance trains, provision of pantry cars is based on various factors such as trains running more than 24 hours either way, commercial justification, availability of pantry cars, load limitation and other operational feasibility factors. At present catering services through pantry cars have been provided on 285 pairs of trains.

(c) to (e): Yes, Madam. Details of trains where the services of Pantry Car/Mini Pantry have been withdrawn and the reasons thereof are Appended. At present there is no such proposal to restore the pantry cars on these trains due to their poor patronization. In cases where trains are not provided with a pantry car or pantry cars have been withdrawn the catering services are provided through Train Side Vending by supply of meals through static catering units from enroute stations to the passengers in trains.