

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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EXTENSION OF CATERING SERVICES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways are proposing to extend catering services in Vadodara, Rajkot and Bhavnagar bound long distance trains in Gujarat: and

(b) if so, the steps are being taken in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) and (b): At present Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) is providing catering services in 21 pairs of trains originating/ terminating from Gujarat region.

Moreover, Railways endeavours to extend catering services by attaching pantry cars in long distance trains subject to operational feasibility, availability of rolling stock, priority of the train, journey time, commercial justification, etc.