

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:833

ANSWERED ON:08.08.2013

PANTRY CARS IN TRAINS

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

- (a) whether the catering facilities are not being provided in long distance trains through pantry cars particularly in Gondwana Express and Madhya Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express train;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with the steps being taken to provide pantry cars in said trains;
- (c) whether the said facility has been withdrawn from other trains also in which it was being provided previously;
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether the Railways propose to restart catering facility in these trains; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 833 BY SHRI S. R. JEYADURAI, SHRI D. B. CHANDRE GOWDA AND SHRI BHOOPENDRA SINGH TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2013 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 309 pairs of trains. However, Gondwana Express and Madhya Pradesh Sampark Kranti Express trains are not provided with pantry car facilities. In cases where trains are not provided with a pantry car or pantry cars have been withdrawn the catering services are provided through Train Side Vending to the passengers in trains and/or by supply of meals through static catering units at enroute stations.

(c) to (f): 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 Details of trains where the services of Pantry Car/Mini Pantry have been withdrawn and the reasons thereof are Appended.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 restart the pantry cars on these trains due to their poor patronization.