

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3159
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PANTRY CAR IN TRAIN
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware of the fact that no pantry car has been provided in trains no. 11039 and 11040 plying on Kolhapur-Nagpur route and thus passengers of this train have to depend on vendors who sell low quality food items, snacks and water;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways shall provide a pantry car in these trains;
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

- (a): On Train Number 11039-40 (Maharashtra Express) plying on Kolhapur-Nagpur route, no pantry car is attached. Catering services in this train is being provided through Platform vending whose quality remains under monitoring.
- (b) to (d): 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. In cases where trains are not provided with a pantry car 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 en-route stations.