

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1186  
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PANTRY CARS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that most of the day trains including some express trains do not have pantry cars;
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the norms laid down for this purpose; and
- (c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Railways to provide pantry cars in all the trains for the convenience of passengers?

**Answer**

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

(a) and (b): All Rajdhani and long distance Duronto Express trains have been provided with pantry cars. As per norms laid down in the Catering Policy 2010, provision for attachment of pantry cars is based on order of priority with first priority to Duronto and Rajdhani Express trains; followed by long distance premier, superfast trains; Mail & Express trains with more than 24 hours journey time either way; and lastly for the remaining trains, with preference to those trains in which vestibules are provided.

(c): For the convenience of the passengers, trains in which pantry cars are not provided, catering services are provided through Train Side Vending (TSV) in trains and/or by supply of meals through static catering units at en-route stations.