

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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PANTRY CAR IN TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of trains which do not have a pantry car and the norms prescribed for providing a pantry car in a train;
- (b) whether the Railways propose to provide a pantry car in trains passing through Chhattisgarh e.g. Ernakulam Express, Gondia-Samath Express, Amarkantak Express, Durg-Chhapra Express, Wainganga Express, Yashwantpur Express including Gondwana Express passing through Rajnandgaon district; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be done?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

- (a): At present, there are 245 pairs of trains having more than 24 hours travel time in which pantry cars have not been provided. As per norms laid down in the Catering Policy 2010, provision for attachment of pantry car 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.
- (b) and (c): The demands for attachment of pantry cars to the trains are considered based on various factors such as priority of the train, operational feasibility, commercial justification and availability of pantry cars and load limitation in the trains etc. However, for the convenience of the passengers, trains in which pantry cars are not provided, catering services are provided in some trains through Train Side Vending (TSV) and/or static catering units at en-route stations.