

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 191
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

HIKE IN THE PRICES OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES BY IRCTC

*191 DR. JOHN BRITTAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has recently effected steep hike in the prices of food and beverages;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the total revenue earned by IRCTC by selling food and beverages during the last three years; and
- (d) the anticipated increase in revenue on account of the latest increase in prices?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS
& INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 191 BY DR. JOHN BRITTAS ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.03.2023 REGARDING HIKE IN THE PRICES OF FOOD AND BEVERAGES BY IRCTC

(a) and (b): No, Sir. The rates of catering services in premium trains (Rajdhani/ Shatabdi/ Duronto/ Vande Bharat, Gatiman, Tejas) having prepaid catering facilities, as well as Standard Meals in other Mail/ Express trains are being charged as per the tariff notified in 2019.

However, to cater to the demands of travelling passengers in trains, sale of a-la-carte items in the range of ₹20/- to ₹100/-, has been permitted by IRCTC w.e.f. January 2023 menu and tariff of which are pre-published for information of passengers.

Railways has also taken initiative to offer regional cuisines to passengers since 26th January, 2023. Also year 2023 is International Year of Millets. Railways have introduced millet food items in its menu. Also diabetic and Jain menus are offered in prepaid categories.

(c): The total revenue earned by IRCTC by selling the food and beverages during the last three years i.e. 2019-20, 2020-21 and 2021-22 is as under:

Financial Year	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Amount (₹ in Crores)	1044.13	223.06	498.79

(d): Does not arise.
