

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1205
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.11.2016**

COMBO MEALS FOR CHILDREN

1205. DR. P. VENUGOPAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is planning to cook combo meals to entice children;**
- (b) if so, whether the menu for children has been started on a pilot basis at Delhi, Mumbai, Howrah, Chennai and Lucknow;**
- (c) whether the special menu is a part of the Janani Sewa initiative of the Railways under which hot water and milk is provided to those travelling with children; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) & (b): Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC) has been advised to ensure availability of children's menu through e-catering scheme. At present, children's menu is available through e-catering scheme for all trains passing through New Delhi, Lucknow Jn., Lucknow, Jaipur, Ajmer, Howrah, Chennai Egmore, and Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus railway stations.

(c) & (d): As announced in the Rail Budget 2016-17, Zonal Railways have been advised to ensure availability of baby food, hot milk and hot water at Railway stations on payment basis. Presently, these items are available on most of the major Railway stations under Janani Sewa Scheme.
