

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3552  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

**NON-AVAILABILITY OF PANTRY CAR**

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is a fact that Chennai- Jodhpur express train up/down 16125/ 16126 completes its journey in three days and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the people travelling in a train of such a long distance face a lot of inconvenience due to non-availability of a pantry car;**
- (c) if so, whether the Government is contemplating to provide pantry car in the said train for the benefit of passengers; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

- (a) At present, 22663/22664 Chennai Egmore-Jodhpur Express (weekly) has a scheduled running time of 42 hours 45 minutes/ 42 hours 50 minutes.**
- (b) to (d) At present, there are about 235 pairs of long distance trains having more than 24 hours travel time in which pantry cars have been provided. Since there is paucity of pantry cars, attachment of pantry cars to any train depends upon order of priority with respect to category of trains viz. (i) Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto/Other such Premium trains, (ii) Long distance Premium, Superfast trains, (iii) Mail/Express trains with more than 24 hours journey time, and (iv) Remaining trains, with preference to trains with vestibules. However, passengers of the trains without pantry cars are provided catering services through train side vending, static units available at all stations en-route etc. These passengers also have an option of ordering food of their choice through e-catering which is available at all major stations en-route. Presently train no. 22663/22664 Chennai-Jodhpur Express is running without pantry car with catering services being provided through Train Side Vending.**

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