

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.377
TO BE ANSWERED ON 12.12.2018**

PANTRY CAR FACILITY IN TRAINS

†377. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is true that pantry car facility is not available in long distance trains connecting two distant cities;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government proposes to provide pantry car facility in long distance trains;**
- (c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 377 BY SHRI KIRTI AZAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 12.12.2018 REGARDING PANTRY CAR FACILITY IN TRAINS.

(a): 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.

(b) to (d): Since there is paucity of pantry cars, attachment of pantry car 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, (iv) Remaining trains, with preference to trains with vestibules. However, passengers of the trains without pantry cars can order food of their choice through e-catering which is available at all major stations en-route and through static units available at all stations en-route.
