

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.716
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019**

LHB COACHES

716. SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any proposal to replace conventional coaches with the modern Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) design coaches in all distance trains originating from Kerala to other destinations;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Railways for improving catering service using the most hygienic and latest equipment for food preparation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) & (b) Indian Railways do not run trains on State-wise basis as railway network cuts across State boundaries. As such, induction of rakes including Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) is not undertaken on State-wise basis. However, at present, 22 pairs of train services Originating from /Terminating at /Passing through the stations located in the State of Kerala are being operated with LHB coaches. Besides, replacement of additional trains with LHB coaches is an on-going process on Indian Railways and is being undertaken in a phased manner.

(c)46 Base Kitchens/Kitchen Units have been upgraded by IRCTC during the last 2 years. The latest kitchen equipments such as Tilting Bratt pans, Tilting boiling kettle, Vegetable cutting machine, Chapati making machine including peda cutting machine et al. have been installed in the upgraded Kitchen Units.

In addition, to ensure real time monitoring of Kitchen activities, CCTV cameras have also been installed in 39 Base Kitchen, Food Safety Supervisors have been deployed at Kitchens to monitor compliance of food safety norms and hygienic practices.
