

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2788
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

DIGITAL PAYMENT AT RAILWAY STATIONS

2788. SHRIMATI RANJANBEN DHANANJAY BHATT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to stop sale of food items on cash at railway stations;**
- (b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps in this regard; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a): No, Sir. There is no plan to stop the sale of food items on cash at railway stations. However, digital method of transactions for purchase of food items through catering units at Railway Stations is being encouraged. This is intended to facilitate passengers with additional options of payment. As per extant Catering Policy issued vide Commercial Circular 20 of 2017, facility for cashless transaction viz. POS/Swipe machine etc. shall be compulsorily available in all the static units.

(b) and (c): Do not arise.
