

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4450
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

RAILWAY CATERING POLICY, 2017

**†4450. SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:
SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of department/officer given the authority to fix the rates of items to be sold on the platforms of railway stations as per Railway Catering Policy, 2017;**
- (b) the details of the new rate list issued by the Zonal Railways from the year, 2017 till date, Zone-wise;**
- (c) the details of rates fixed for tea and coffee to be sold from the platform stalls along with the details of the stations of the country including Delhi, Zone-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government received any representation regarding the demand to include the rates of the items included in the agreement by the Railways in the list issued by Northern Railway;**
- (e) if so, the time by which the Government is likely to take a decision in this regard; and**
- (f) the number of stalls allotted through tender under Catering Policy, 2005 and 2010 and the number of such stalls still running?**

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (f): As per Catering Policy 2017, menu of controlled segment items, including regional cuisine, on minor static catering units are decided by**

Zonal Railways within the fixed tariff approved by Railway Board. Menu & Tariff of a-la-carte items served through static catering units are fixed by Zonal Railways.

The rates of tea/coffee, to be sold from the platform stalls across all stations of the country including Delhi, were fixed vide Commercial Circular No. 53 of 2018. Rates of other standard items were fixed vide Commercial Circular No. 64 of 2019. These circulars are available on Indian Railway's website.

Details of revision of rates of other a-la-carte items, undertaken by Zonal Railways post Catering Policy 2017 till date are as under:

| Zone | Date(s) of Revision of rates of a-la-carte items by the Zonal Railways post 2017 till date |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Central Railway | 10.07.2021 |
| East Central Railway | 02.08.2024 |
| Eastern Railway | 05.08.2025 |
| North Central Railway | 08.04.2025 |
| North Eastern Railway | 27.07.2023 |
| Northern Railway | 01.06.2025 |
| North Western Railway | 01.08.2025 |
| South East Central Railway | 01.07.2019 |
| South Eastern Railway | 09.10.2024 |
| South Central Railway | 26.07.2022 |
| Southern Railway | 24.12.2019, 24.02.2023, 01.06.2023 |

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| South Western Railway | 02.01.2023 |
| West Central Railway | 12.12.2022 |
| Western Railway | 27.06.2025 |

Further, Northern Railway has received representation with demand to include the rates of the items included in the agreement and the same has been taken up for examination on merits.

A total of 1451 catering stalls have been allotted under Catering Policy 2005 and Catering Policy 2010. As on 12.08.2025, a total of 8912 minor static catering units are operational across stations.
