

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4287
ANSWERED ON:21.04.2005
PANTRY CAR FACILITY IN TRAINS
Modi Shri Sushil Kumar

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that pantry car facility is not available in a number of trains thus causing inconvenience to the passengers ;
- (b) if so, the names of trains in which pantry car facility is not available and the reasons therefor;
- (c) the names of trains in which pantry car facility has been provided during 2004-05;
- (d) the names of trains selected for provision of pantry car facility during 2005-06;
- (e) whether the pantry car facility is not available in Vikramshila Express running between New Delhi-Bhagalpur ; and
- (f) if so, the reasons therefor and the time by which the pantry car facility is likely to be provided in said train ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) Yes , Sir.

(b) Pantry Car facilities are provided on selected Super fast /Mail Express trains which run on popular routes where adequate and satisfactory catering services through static units are not possible. As such, there are about 59 number of long distance Super-fast/Mail Express trains on Indian Railways which presently do not have pantry car attached although the journey time of these trains is of more than 24 hours each way and which have ten sleeper coaches or above . The names of trains in which pantry car is not available is enclosed at Appendix-I. The reasons for non-provision of pantry car facilities in these trains include sufficient stoppages at stations where satisfactory catering services from static catering units are available enroute and operational constraints like non-availability of rolling stock, room on train etc. Pantry car services on long distance trains are, however, being introduced in a phased manner subject to availability of new pantry car.

(c) The name of the trains in which Pantry Car facility has been provided during 2004-05 is enclosed at Appendix- II.

(d) The names of trains for pantry car facility during 2005-06 have not yet been finalised. Only trains No.7037-7038, Secunderabad-Bikaner Express has been provided pantry car facility during 2005-06 and Tender for Vikramshila Express has been floated.

(e) & (f) Ministry of Railways have decided to introduce Pantry car services in Vikramshila Express trains. Tenders for this train have been invited by Indian Railway Catering & Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC) and likely to be finalised shortly.

APPENDIX- (I)

APPENDIX- : REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4287 BY SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.04.2005 REGARDING PANTRY CAR FACILITY IN TRAINS.

LONG DISTANCE MAIL EXPRESS/SUPERFAST TRAINS RUNNING WITHOUT PANTRY CAR WHOSE JOURNEY TIME IS MORE THAN 24 HOURS EACH WAY AND HAVING 10 SLEEPER INCLUDING AC SLEEPER COACHES

S.No. TRAIN NO NAME

1. 1039/1040 SHRI CHHATRAPATI SAHU MAHARAJ (T) -GONDIA MAHARASHTRA EXPRESS.
2. 1043/1044 LOKMANYA TILAK (T) -MADURAI EXP.
3. 1045/1046 LOKMANYA TILAK (T) - BHUBANESHWAR EXP.
4. 1053/1054 SHRI CHHATRAPATI SAHU MAHARAJ (T) NIZAMUDDIN EXPRESS

5. 1055/1056 GORAKHPUR-LOKMANYA TILAK (T) GODAAN EXPRESS
6. 1057/1058 DADAR - AMRITSAR EXPRESS

- 7 1059/1060 CHAPRA -LOKMANYA TILAK (T) EXPRESS

8. 1067/1068 LOKMANYA TILAK(T)-FAIZABAD SAKET EXPRESS

9. 1069/1070 LOKMANYA TILAK(T)-ALLAHABAD EXP.
10. 1071/1072 LOKMANYA TILAK(T)-VARANASI KAMAYANI EXP.
11. 1093/1094 CHHATRAPATI SIVAJI TERMINAL MUMBAI-VARANASI MAHANAGRI EXPRESS
12. 1097/1098 PUNE - ERNAKULAM POORNA EXPRESS
13. 1405/1406 VISHAKAPATNAM-KAKKINADA TOWN MANMAD EXPRESS
14. 1463/1464 RAJKOT-JABALPUR EXP
15. 1465/1466 RAJKOT-JABALPUR EXP
16. 2315/2316 SEALDAH-AJMER ANANYA EXP.
17. 2317/2318 SEALDAH-AMRITSAR AKAL TAKHT EXP
18. 2405/2406 BHUSAWAL-NIZAMUDDIN GONDWANA EXP
19. 2409/2410 BILASPUR-NIZAMUDDIN GONDWANA EXP
20. 2647/2648 COIMBATORE-NIZAMUDDIN KONGU EXP.
21. 2905/2906 PORBANDER-HOWRAH EXP
22. 2977/2978 ERNAKULAM-JAIPUR MARUSAGAR EXP.
23. 2983/2984 BILASPUR-JAIPUR EXP
24. 3009/3010 HOWRAH-DEHRADUN DOON EXPRESS
25. 3013/3014 HOWRAH-DEHRADUN UPASNA EXPRESS
26. 3019/3020 HOWRAH-KATHGODAM BAGH EXPRESS
27. 3287/3288 TATA NAGAR - DURG - PATNA SOUTH BIHAR EXP.
28. 3447/3448 BHGALPUR-DADAR EXPRESS
29. 4311/4312 BAREILLY - BHUJ ALA HAZRAT EXPRESS
30. 4313/4314 BAREILLY - DADAR EXPRESS
31. 4707/4708 BIKANER-BANDRA TERMINAL RANAKPUR EXPRESS
32. 4853/4854 VARANASI-JODHPUR MARUDHAR EXPRESS
33. 4863/4864 VARANASI-JODHPUR MARUDHAR EXPRESS
34. 5017/5018 DADAR-GORAKHPUR KASHI EXPRESS.
35. 5635/5636 OKHA- GUWAHATI DWARKA EXPRESS.
36. 5637/5638 SECUNDERABAD- GUWAHATI EXPRESS
37. 5639/5640 PURI-GUWAHATI EXPRESS
38. 5707/5708 KATIHAR-AMRITSAR EXPRESS
39. 5933/5934 DIBRUGARH TOWN-AMRITSAR EXPRESS
40. 6003/6004 HOWRAH-CHENNAI MAIL
41. 6125/6126 CHENNAI EGMORE-JODHPUR EXPRESS
42. 6357/6358 NAGARCOIL JUNCTION-HOWRAH GURUDEV EXP.
43. 6359/6360 ERNAKULAM-RAJENDRA NAGAR EXPRESS
44. 6529/6530 MUMBAI-BANGALORE UDYAN EXPRESS
45. 6613/6614 RAJKOT-COIMBATORE EXPRESS
46. 8005/8006 HOWRAH-KORAPUT EXPRESS
47. 8029/8030 HOWRAH-LOKMANYA TILAK (T) EXPRESS
48. 8103/8104 TATA NAGAR -AMRITSAR JALLIANWALA BAGH EXP.
49. 8233/8234 INDORE-BILASPUR NARMADA EXPRESS
50. 8415/8416 BHUBANESHWAR-YESVANTPUR EXPRESS
51. 8609/8610 HATIA - LOKMANYA TILAK (T) EXPRESS
52. 9019/9020 BANDRA - DEHRADUN EXPRESS
53. 9049/9050 VALSAD-RAJENDRA NAGAR EXPRESS
54. 9163/9164 AHMEDABAD-FAIZABAD SABARMATI EXPRESS
55. 9165/9166 AHMEDABAD-MUZAFFARPUR SABARMATI EXP.
56. 9167/9168 AHMEDABAD-VARANASI SABARMATI EXPRESS
57. 9305/9306 INDORE-HOWRAH SHIPRA EXPRESS
58. 9313/9314 INDORE-RAJINDERNAGAR EXPRESS
59. 9569/9570 OKHA-VARANASI EXPRESS

APPENDIX-(II)

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S.No. TRAIN NO NAME

- 1 2501/2502 POORVOTTAR SAMPARK KRANTI EXPRESS
- 2 2707/2708 ANDHRA PRADESH SAMPARK KRANTI

3 5265/5266 BIHAR SAMPARK KRANTI
4 2823/2824 CHATTISGARH SAMPARK KRANTI
5 2917/2918 GUJARAT SAMPARK KRANTI
6 2653/2654 KARALLA SAMPARK KRANTI
7 2907/2908 MAHARASHTRA SAMPARK KRANTI
8 2121/2122 MADHYA PRADESH SAMPARK KRANTI
9 2819/2820 ORISSA SAMPARK KRANTI
10 2463/2465 RAJASTHAN SAMPARK KRANTI
11 2447/2448 UTTARPRADESH SAMPARK KRANTI
12 2329/2330 WEST BENGAL SAMPARK KRANTI
13 2449/2450 GOA SAMPARK KRANTI
14 2825/2626 JHARKHAND SAMPARK KRANTI
15 2651/2652 TAMILNADU SAMPARK KRANTI
16 7091/7092 SECUNDERABD RAJINDER EXPRESS
17 2649/2650 KARNATAKA SAMPART KRANTI EXPRESS