

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:79
ANSWERED ON:27.07.2006
BUDGET HOTELS AND FOOD PLAZAS
Chaudhary Shri Pankaj;Pallani Shamy Shri K.C .

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) Whether the Railways have identified various sites adjoining potential railway stations for construction of budget hotels;
- (b) If so, the details thereof along with the progress made for construction of such hotels so far;
- (c) Whether the Railways are planning to invite private sector participation in this regard;
- (d) If so, the details thereof;
- (e) Whether the Railways also propose to set up Food Plazas at various places;
- (f) If so, the details thereof; and
- (g) The time by which these are likely to be set up?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (g): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 79 BY SHRI PANKAJ CHOWDHARY AND SHRI K.C. PALLANI SHAMY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27/07/2006 REGARDING BUDGET HOTELS AND FOOD PLAZAS.

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): It is planned to open 100 Budget Hotels. Tenders have been opened for 5 stations viz. Madurai, Vijaywada, Secunderabad, Chandigarh and Sealdah. Sites in 15 more stations have been finalized and are ready for floating tender. Sites for other stations are in various stages of finalization.

(c): Yes, Sir. The Budget Hotels will be set up through Public-Private Partnership.

(d): Tenders are floated for open competitive bidding under transparent, 2 packet system i.e. Technical & Financial

(e): Yes, Sir.

(f): 37 Food Plazas have been commissioned till now. Licence for another 5 Food Plazas have been issued and are under process of commissioning. Tenders for another 11 locations have been opened and are under scrutiny. 9 more sites are under finalization.

(g): No timeframe has been set for setting up of the Food Plazas.