

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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FAST FOOD CHAINS IN RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have decided to rope in fast food chains and install vending machines for beverages and food items in trains and at stations;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) whether the Railways have decided to have modular kitchens and a spic and span atmosphere in trains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

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

(a)&(b) : Yes, Sir. Six reputed caterers in the catering/hospitality business including fast food chains have been invited to participate in the bidding process for setting up of food plazas/fast food units/ quick service/food kiosks at stations. Eighteen companies in manufacturing business of food and beverages have been empanelled for participation in the bidding process of automatic vending machines.

(c)&(d) : Yes, Sir. It has been decided to redesign/modernize pantry cars by installation of modern gadgets/ equipments. This process is now in its initial stage