

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1418  
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ALLOTMENT OF SHOPS TO MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES AT STATIONS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have allotted shops to multi-national companies to sell their products at various railway stations of the country ;
- (b) if so, the names of the companies alongwith the products for which permission has been granted ;
- (c) the reasons for granting permission to multinational companies to sell their products at railway stations ;
- (d) whether the Railways have withdrawn the announcement in which it had been announced to sell milk, curd in earthen-wares ;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (f) whether the Railways are aware that crores of people have been rendered jobless as a result of this policy ; and
- (g) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto?

**Answer**

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

- (a) to (c): Only one catering unit at Delhi main railway station has been allotted to M/s Connaught Plaza, a franchisee of Mcdonalds, a multinational company for sale of various catering products of the company.
- (d): No, Sir.
- (e): Does not arise.
- (f) & (g): No. Sir, do not arise. Vast majority of catering units over Indian Railways are small units. Except the general category minor units at A, B and C category stations, all other minor catering units are given renewal. Thus, they enjoy continuity of their business.