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Title: Need to review the new Railway Catering Policy 2010 with a view to protect the interests of small stall holders and vendors.

SHRI PROBODH PANDA (MIDNAPORE) : The 'Catering Policy 2010' has been announced by the Railways after a prolonged review of policy of 2005.

Though it is a welcome move and some really progressive steps have been taken but it has failed miserably to fully address the problems of small stall holders and small vendors.

Following the implementation of policy of 2005 thousands of small vendors were evicted throughout the Indian Railway System. But the circular released by the Railways following the declaration of new policy 2010 states that only those vendors who were evicted within the last six months of declaration of new policy would be rehabilitated. But the question arises that what would be about others who were evicted much earlier.

The new policy spared no word for them. Even the new policy put these small vendors in direct competition with the big business houses.

I, therefore, urge the Hon'ble Railway Minister to re-examine the policy and take necessary steps to protect the interests of small stall holders and small vendors including the rehabilitation of evicted small vendors.

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...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Since you are not ready for 'Zero Hour' now, we will take up 'Zero Hour' in the evening.

Now, we shall take up item no. 17 – Discussion under Rule 193.

Shri Gurudas Dasgupta.

...(Interruptions)

SHRI GURUDAS DASGUPTA (GHATAL): Madam, how can I speak in din? ...(Interruptions)

MADAM SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

(Interruptions) â€ˆ\*

â€ˆ(अवधान)

**12.11 hrs.**

Shri Chandrakant Khaire and some other hon. Members then left the House

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया:** जम्मू और कश्मीर पर चर्चा शुरू हो गई है, अब आप बैठ जाइए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया:** रघुवंश बाबू, आप बैठ जाइए, अपना स्थान ग्रहण कर लीजिए।

â€¦(व्यवधान)

**अध्यक्ष महोदया:** जम्मू और कश्मीर पर चर्चा शुरू हो गई है, अब आप शांत हो जाइए।

Shri Gurudas Dasgupta ji, please begin now.