

## **Facility of Pantry Car in Long Distance Trains**

The demands for attachment of pantry cars to the trains are considered based on various factors such as its commercial justification, availability of pantry cars, load limitation in the trains and other operational feasibility factors. As per norms laid down in the Catering Policy 2010, provision for attachment of pantry cars is based on order of priority with first priority to Duronto and Rajdhani Express trains; followed by long distance premier, superfast trains; Mail & Express trains with more than 24 hours journey time either way and lastly for the remaining trains with preference to those trains in which vestibules are provided. At present, 508 pairs of Express trains, running on Indian Railways, are covering distances beyond 1000 kms.

This information was given by the Minister of State for Railways Shri Kotla Jaya Surya Prakash Reddy in written reply to a question in Rajya Sabha today.