

Bullet train

2476. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 2120 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 19th August, 2011 and state:

(a) the progress achieved so far on introduction of bullet train between Ahmedabad-Mumbai- Pune; and

(b) by when it would become a reality?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) Pre-feasibility study for this high speed corridor was completed in April, 2010. A Project Steering Group (PSG) has been constituted with Chairman Railway Board; Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs and Secretary, Planning Commission to examine and finalise the options for implementing the project.

(b) As the project has not been sanctioned, no timeframe can be indicated.

Overcharging for food items and beverages

†2477. SHRI UPENDRA KUSHWAHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the rates prescribed for food items and beverages provided in Mail and Express trains;

(b) whether it is a fact that the passengers are being overcharged for food items and beverages in Poorva Express running between New Delhi and Howrah and even bill receipts are not being provided to passengers for food items and beverages; and

(c) the number of complaints registered in last three years and action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) A uniform tariff and menu has been notified for items like Standard meals, Breakfast, Tea/Coffee, Janta meal and meals for Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto Express trains. The rates of standard meals, breakfast and beverages

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for other Mail/Express trains were last revised on 30.04.2003 are given in Statement (See below). The menu and tariff for Rajdhani/Shatabdi was last revised on 27.05.1999. Further, a uniform menu and tariff for 97 a-la-carte items has been notified by zonal railways in October, 2012.

(b) and (c) During the last three years, a total of 14 complaints have been registered in Poorva Express running between New Delhi and Howrah regarding overcharging/non issue of bills. Against such irregularities, actions have been taken such as show cause notices given in 4 cases, fines imposed in 7 cases, warning given in 1 case and complaints not substantiated in 2 cases. Also fines to the tune of ₹ 2,20,000/- have been imposed on the licensee.

Statement

*The rates of standard meals, breakfast and beverages for
Mail/Express trains are as under*

Sl. No.	Item	Tariff (existing)
1	2	3
1.	Standard tea (150 ml) in disposable cups of 170 ml capacity	3.00
2.	Tea (with tea bag) (150 ml) in disposable cups of 170 ml capacity	4.00
3.	Coffee using instant coffee powder (150 ml) in disposable cups of 170 ml capacity.	5.00
4.	Tea in pots (285 ml) + 2 tea bags + 2 sugar pouches	5.00
5.	Coffee in pots (285 ml) + 2 instant Coffee sachets + 2 sugar pouches	7.00
6.	Rail Neer/Packaged drinking water (chilled)	
	1 litre bottle/1000 ml	15.00
	500 ml. bottle	10.00

1	2	3
7	Janta Meal or Economy meal or Janta Khana	10.00
8	Standard Breakfast	
8(i)	Vegetarian Breakfast	17.00
	(a) Bread Butter and cutlet	
	(b) Idli and Vada	
	(c) Upma and Vada	
	(d) Pongal and Vada	
8(ii)	Non-Vegetarian Breakfast	
	Bread, Butter and omelet	20.00
9.	Standard Casserole meals	
9(i)	Vegetarian	30.00
9(ii)	Non-Vegetarian	35.00
10.	Standard Thali Meals (only in Refreshment Rooms)	
10(i)	Meals in Thalis (vegetarian)	22.00
10(ii)	Meals in Thalis (Non-vegetarian)	27.00

Service tax @ 8.66 % will be levied extra for items other than tea, coffee sold in cups and packaged drinking water and items sold in Static units.

Fourth platform at Kurukshetra Junction railway station

†2478. DR. RAM PRAKASH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposal for construction of fourth platform at Kurukshetra Junction railway station is under consideration of Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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