

(b) if so, the details thereof and the amount generated through IRCTC by giving contracts in the Eleventh and Twelfth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) The services of Railway's catering are provided either through departmental units managed by Railways/Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) or by private licensees. Supervision and monitoring of the catering services are done departmentally by Railways.

(b) After introduction of new Catering policy, 2010, all the catering activities except Food Plazas, Fast food units and Food Courts have been transferred to Zonal Railways by IRCTC. Details of Indian Railways Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) earnings from licensee catering for Eleventh and Twelfth plan period are as under:

Year	Plan	Earnings (Rs. in crores)
2007-08	Plan-11	289.20
2008-09		341.02
2009-10		367.66
2010-11		311.67
2011-12		26.19 *
TOTAL		1335.75
2012-13 (up to September, 12 unaudited)	Plan-12	11.21*
TOTAL		11.21

* Catering services except Food Plazas, Fast food units and Food Courts have been transferred to Zonal Railways by IRCTC

Unique identification number for railway employees

2139. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry is planning to issue unique identification number to both past and present railway employees;

- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether this system has been tried in any other country; and
- (d) how Railways would cover 25 lakh present and past employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. A scheme covering both serving and retired railways employees is under implementation with initial budgetary provision of Rs. 10 crores. This scheme has been developed keeping specific requirements of Indian Railways and other countries might have systems akin to their requirements.

Emergency announcement system in trains

‡2140. DR. RAM PRAKASH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Khanna, Kakodkar and Pitroda Committees had recommended for arrangement of emergency announcement system in passenger trains; and

(b) if so, the number of trains in which such arrangement has been provided and by when this arrangement would be provided in all trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.J. SURYA PRAKASH REDDY): (a) None of the Committees in its Report has made any recommendation regarding arrangement of emergency announcement system in passenger trains.

(b) Does not arise.

Quality of food supplied in trains

2141. SHRIMATI T. RATNA BAI:

SHRI MOHD. ALI KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints are increasing regarding quality of food supplied in trains including Shatabdi, Durgam and Rajdhani trains particularly under South Central Railway;

‡Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.