

**CBI enquiry into the alleged nexus between railway
officials and corporate catering houses**

SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE (West Bengal): Sir, for years together, at the instance of the Ministry of Railways, the entire catering system of Railways is being systematically dismantled at the initiative of a section of Railway officials to appease the big corporate houses, engaged in catering business. In 1990-91, sales turnover of departmental catering was Rs.203.98 crore over realisation of another Rs.213.51 crore as licence fees. As of December, 2012, the Railway transported over 25 million passengers daily, most of which are from economically weaker sections. These people are habitual of consuming Indian food items like *puri*, *roti-sabji/dal*, *rice-sabji/dal*, etc. But, the Railway Ministry is systematically making changes in the menu and introducing pizza, burgers, etc., at the instance of corporate houses. Earlier, the Railways used to supply uncooked *dal/sabji* to the commissioned vendors who, in turn, used to cook the same and sell to the passengers on payment. But, suddenly, vide order no. 23AC/Ctg/Menu & Rate/2013, dated 31st July, 2013, Senior Divisional Manager has revised the rate of 300 grams rice without *dal/sabji* to Rs.10/- and stopped supplying uncooked *dal/sabji* to commissioned vendors. So, the passengers are being compelled to bring cooked *dal/sabji* from their own kitchens and thus get frustrated on opting for pizza and burgers instead.

While demanding immediate withdrawal of the irrational order dated 31st July, 2013, and restoration of supply of previous menu to passengers on payment, I urge upon the Government to institute a high-level independent enquiry to unearth the nexus between a section of Railway officials down to the level of C.I.C. and corporate houses engaged in catering business in the Railways.

**Unabated deaths of tribal children in Attappadi in
Palakkad District of Kerala**

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MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. lady Member is speaking. Let her speak.

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SHRI M.P. ACHUTHAN (Kerala): Sir, I associate myself with the issue raised by the hon. Member.

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MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Thank you. Now, Dr. Heptulla. ...*(Interruptions)*...

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Slaughtering of milch animals

SHRI C.M. RAMESH (Andhra Pradesh): There is a Zero Hour notice. ...*(Interruptions)*...

[MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.]

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SHRI Y.S. CHOWDARY (Andhra Pradesh): Sir, our issue has been. ...*(Interruptions)*...

MR. CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. ...*(Interruptions)*... Dr. Heptulla has been called. ...*(Interruptions)*... Please.

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