

- Setting up a Catering Services Monitoring Cell with a toll free number 1800-111-321 at national level.
- Pilot project for Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS) feedback of passengers regarding catering services.
- Introduction of pre-cooked (ready to eat) meal in phased manner.
- Third party audit of quality and mandatory ISO (Indian Standards Organization) certification of Base Kitchens has been prescribed.

Bogibeel rail cum road bridge

1976. SHRI SANTIUSE KUJUR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of present status of construction of Bogibeel rail cum road bridge over Brahmaputra;
- (b) whether it is a fact that the Bogibeel rail project is unduly delayed and the cost of the project has escalated several fold;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Bogibeel rail-cum-road bridge over river Brahmaputra was sanctioned in 1997-98. Latest anticipated cost of the project is ₹ 4996 crore and an expenditure of ₹ 3041 crore has been incurred upto March, 2014. An outlay of ₹ 600 crore has been provided for the year 2014-15.

Physical works of both North and South guide bunds, 44 km long rail link from Chaulkhowa-Moranhat, 14 km long north bank rail link and 8 km long south bank rail link have been completed. In main bridge, 36 out of 42 well foundations and 28 out of 40 piers have been completed. 2 out of 41 girders have been launched.

(b) to (d) Yes, Sir. The project has been delayed due to paucity of funds and is now targeted for completion by March, 2017.

Railway projects in Karnataka under PPP

1977. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state: