

(c) and (d) In terms of Catering Policy 2010, catering services, at stations and in trains, are provided by Zonal Railways/IRCTC either departmentally or through private licensees. In addition, e-catering services have recently been launched through IRCTC, initially on a pilot basis for one year. At present, e-catering services are to encompass 1482 trains that are running without pantry cars. Passengers can book their choice of meals either on the website of IRCTC directly or on phone/SMS.

Stoppage of all trains running from Dehradun at Raiwala

†2192. SHRI RAJ BABBAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether trains are only available at Dehradun or Haridwar for lakhs of pilgrims, tourists and other travellers doing Char Dham Yatra in Uttarakhand;

(b) whether Government is considering a one minute stoppage of all trains running from Dehradun at Raiwala railway station, between Haridwar and Rishikesh for the convenience of lakhs of pilgrims, tourists and other travellers for the Ardhha Kumbh Mela next year and also for the Char Dham Yatra to start from April-May, 2016; and

(c) if so, by when the passenger will get stoppage facility at Raiwala railway station, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) to (c) Raiwala station is presently being served by 7 pairs of Express trains and 06 pairs of Passenger trains which are considered adequate for the present level of traffic. Stoppage of all trains at Raiwala station is not feasible at present due to operational constraints. However, temporary stoppage of trains are provided as and when required keeping in view the extra rush of passengers on the occasions of fairs and festivals, subject to operational feasibility.

Study report on running bullet train between Mumbai-Ahmedabad

†2193. SHRIMATI KANAK LATA SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry has received a study report for running bullet train between Mumbai and Ahmedabad, if so, the details thereof and Ministry's approach on the study report;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.