

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) At present, there are about 235 pairs of long distance trains having more than 24 hours travel time in which pantry cars have been provided.

(b) to (d) Since there is paucity of pantry cars, attachment of pantry car to any train depends upon order of priority with respect to category of train *viz.* Rajdhani/Shatabdi/Duronto/Mail/ Express trains etc, load limitation and journey time of train etc. However, passengers of the train can order food of their choice through e-catering which is available at all major stations en-route and through static units available at all stations en-route.

Rail line from Wanpoh to Shopian *via* Kulgam

2848. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has any plan for a new railway line from Wanpoh to Shopian *via* Kulgam in Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) The proposals for new line projects are planned on the basis of demands raised by State Governments, Central Ministries, Members of Parliament, other public representatives and Railways' own requirement. They are taken up after a survey on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing links and alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands.

Railways has large throwforward of ongoing new line projects. Presently, there is no proposal under consideration for new line from Wanpoh to Shopian *via* Kulgam in Jammu and Kashmir.

Progress of Wanpoh-Pahalgam project

2849. SHRI NAZIR AHMED LAWAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of progress of extension of a project from Wanpoh to Pahalgam, the holy cave Amarnath in Jammu and Kashmir;