

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA (भारत सरकार)
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (रेल मंत्रालय)
RAILWAY BOARD (रेलवे बोर्ड)

No. 97/TG.III/613/1.

New Delhi, dated : 29.6.99

The General Managers
All Zonal Railway.

Commercial Circular No. 16

Sub:- Use of eco-friendly disposable packaging material in Catering services.

In continuation to this office letter of even no. dated 15.5.99 the matter has been reviewed in consultation with Finance Directorate and it has been decided that railways will take following action in-order to improve packaging & presentation of food.

1. Use of plastic is to be discontinued and eco-friendly/bio-degradable packaging material may be used for supply food items in both Departmentally and Licencee operated Catering units. Instead of plastic better quality paper glasses may be used for serving tea/coffee, mineral water etc.
2. In mobile catering services curd may be served in Kullarhs.
3. In order to reduce the cost of paper cups railways are authorised to permit the manufacturers the use of publicity material on the outer surface of the cups. In addition, there should also be some slogans like "CRUSH AFTER USE", SPECIALLY MANUFACTURED FOR INDIAN RAILWAYS" and the measurement mark for 150ML. Railways will procure these items through open tenders under their powers as per the extant instructions from the reputed manufacturers of paper glasses. However, paper glasses should confirm to the following specifications:-

S.NO.	CHARACTERISTICS	150ML
1.	Printing (4 processing colours)	Offset
2.	Height	2.5"
3.	Top Diameter	2.7"
4.	Inner Diameter	2.5"
5.	Bottom Diameter	2"
6.	Brimful Capacity	157ML
7.	Cusble Capacity	150ML
8.	Paper GSM with one side polycoating	190-200

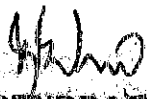
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4. 30 pair of trains have been identified and notified vide Railway Boards letter No. 98/TG.V/15/1 dated 3.3.99 for up-gradation as Rajdhani type features. Railways may arrange procurement of mobile trolleys and tray carriers for serving casserole meals in upper classes & sleeper classes respectively. This is to avoid stacking of trays on the floor near the toilets and to improve transfer of food from pantry cars to the passenger coaches. Minister of Railways has given assurance to upgrade these 30 trains in the Parliament. Railway may make efforts to get these trolley/tray meal carriers also by sponsorship.

This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of the Ministry of Railways.

Receipt of this letter may be acknowledged.

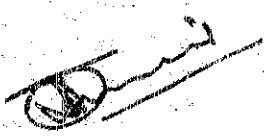

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NOTE:- This disposes off Southern Railways letter
No. C 87/IND/VOL -I/DPC dated 18.5.99.

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