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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS / RAIL MANTRALAYA
(RAILWAY BOARD)**

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**General Managers / All Indian Railways
Managing Director / IRCTC**

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Sub: Introduction of diversified (a-la-carte) menu for trains and static units.

As per para 9.2 of Catering Policy issued vide letter No.2005/TG-III/6005/5, dated 21/12/05 the innovative menus be introduced in the Railways.

2. Since IRCTC is a professional, technical organization of Ministry of Railways to advise the Railways, IRCTC should introduce a variety of a-la-carte menus.
3. All static units and pantry cars may be permitted to sell a-la-carte items liberally.
4. While granting the permission for selling a-la-carte items, the licence fee should be revised if considered necessary.
5. However, even after introduction of a-la-carte, it would be necessary to serve the standard breakfast and meals by all mobile and static units.
6. Frequent checks should also be conducted by Zonal Railways to ensure that licensees do not serve the standard meals and charge for a-la-carte. There should be discernible differentiation.
7. Instructions regarding standard meals should be got displayed in the interiors of the coaches in all Mail / Express trains giving the standard rate list and the menu, quantity and quality of various items.
8. All the vendors may be asked to prepare rate list and menu cards to be displayed prominently and also give both the cards i.e. for a-la-carte and standard menus to the passenger in train so that there is no confusion about charging.
9. Tariff for a-la-carte items will be proposed by IRCTC and put up to Board of Directors of IRCTC comprising of Member Traffic as Chairman and ED (C&RM) and ED (T&C) as Government nominees on the Board of Directors. Revision in rate of a-la-carte items will be approved by the full Board of Directors of IRCTC.

10. IRCTC should appraise the impact of additional revenue after introduction of a-la-carte items and advise the same to the board.

11. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Directorate of Railway Board.

Kindly acknowledge receipt of this letter.

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