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Indian Railways gears up to provide cooked food to needy people in times of lock down.

13 IRCTCs base kitchens to become nodal points of such distribution.

**Today on 29 March 2020 IRCTC has supplied total 11030 lunch meal to needy people
across the country**

Senior Railway officials of concerned Zones and Divisions to provide support

New Delhi, 29th March, 2020

Indian Railways has decided to provide bulk cooked food with paper plates to needy people from the locations where they have base kitchens of IRCTC.

The list of base kitchens of IRCTC zonewise is given below:

1. South Central Railway: Vijaywada
2. Western Railway: Ahmedabad, Mumbai Central.
3. East Cost Railway: Khurdha Road
4. South Eastern Railway: Balasore
5. Northern Railway: New Delhi, Paharganj
6. North Central Railway: Prayagraj, Jhansi, Kanpur
7. Central Railway: CSMT, Pune, Sholapur, Bhusawal
8. West Central Railway: Itarsi
9. South Western Railway: Bangalore, Hubballi
10. Southern Railway: Tiruanantpuram, Chengalpattu, Katpadi, Mangalore
11. Eastern Railway: Sealdah, Howrah
12. East Central Railway: Rajendranagar
13. North Frontier Railway: Katihar

Today i.e. 29 March 2020 IRCTC supplied total 11030 lunch meal to to needy people, migrant labours, few old age homes and others across the country as per the details below:

Location	No of meals
1. Delhi	5030
2. Bangalore	2000
3. Hubli	700
4. Bombay Central	1500
5. Howrah/Sealdah	500
6. Patna	400
7. TATA	400
8. Ranchi	300
9. Kathiar.	200

GMs/DRMs of concerned Zone and division are also expected to provide their inputs as well to enhance the outreach of these efforts of IRCTC. IRCTC will produce and provide food on

demand. Officers and divisions are sending indents . Distribution will be done by RPF and /or other Railway authorities. The assistance of NGOs, volunteers may also be taken for this exercise.

Working in a team IRCTC along with RPF and NGOs in various Railway Zones is supplying cooked food with paper plates to needy people. While delivering the food to needy persons , social distancing and hygiene is being observed.

It may be noted that Indian Railways and IRCTC are gearing up to meet any higher demand to provide food to needy in the times of lock down , which has been imposed to prevent the spread of COVID -19. IRCTC is ready for any contingency and adequate stocks of foodgrains and other raw material are being maintained.

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