

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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DELAYING PASSENGER TRAINS TO MAKE WAY FOR GOODS TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether passenger trains are delayed to give way to goods trains which is causing inconvenience to passengers and sometimes mishaps also;
- (b) the percentage of delay of passenger trains, including superfast trains;
- (c) the steps taken by Government to improve punctuality of passenger trains; and
- (d) whether Government has taken any measures in the last two years to improve operational efficiency of Railways and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Indian Railways (IR) have mixed operation and freight and passenger carrying trains move on a common track. In this backdrop, and to ensure seamless supply of coal to Thermal Power Plants, priority is sometimes accorded to the coal rakes for supplying coal to the thermal power plants where coal stock reaches critical mark. Passenger carrying trains are run as per Time Table and despite constraints, IR constantly endeavors to operate trains punctually. However, at times, trains do run late due to various factors like asset failure, law and order problem, natural calamities, fog, inclement weather conditions, etc. With a view to improve the punctuality of trains, IR has taken a number of steps which include rigorous monitoring of running of passenger carrying trains at Divisional, Zonal and Railway Board levels, standardization of rakes and provision of spare rake, removal of infrastructure bottlenecks in a planned manner, rationalization of Time Table in a scientific manner, conversion of trains from diesel traction to electric traction wherever feasible, conversion of conventional rakes of Mail / Express trains ICF (Integral Coach Factory design rakes) rakes into LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) rakes, provision of Bye-pass at stations to avoid engine reversal. To ensure real time and realistic reporting of arrival / departure of passenger trains, data-loggers are being used.
