

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3493**  
**ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023**

**LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS BETWEEN KORBA TO RAIPUR AND RAIGARH TO RAIPUR**

3493 # SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether trains running between Korba to Raipur and Raigarh to Raipur are getting affected by transportation of coal in this area;
- (b) whether it is a fact that goods train carrying coal are given passage by stopping the passenger trains for hours on this route, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) number of trains of these routes which ran late during the last two years along with the number of occasions of their delayed arrival and the average delay in terms of hours; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to prevent train delays on the above route, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3493 ASKED BY SHRI SANDEEP KUMAR PATHAK ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 31.03.2023 REGARDING LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS BETWEEN KORBATO RAIPUR AND RAIGARH TO RAIPUR**

(a) to (d) Indian Railways (IR) operate freight and passenger carrying trains on a common track. Passenger carrying trains are run as per Time Table and despite constraints, IR constantly endeavors to operate trains punctually. However, at times, trains get delayed due to various internal and external factors like asset failure, law and order problem, natural calamities, fog, inclement weather conditions, coal demand for critical PHs etc.

In Korba-Raipur section, the number of passenger carrying train services during the year 2021-22 was 1368 which increased to 3520 in the year 2022-23, an increase of 157%. Similarly, in Raigarh-Raipur section, the number of passenger carrying train services during the year 2021-22 was 4617 which increased to 8420 in the year 2022-23, an increase of 82%. The train services delayed in Korba-Raipur section during the years 2021-22 and 2022-23 were 10.60% and 26.81% respectively. On Raigarh-Raipur section the services were delayed by 35% and 76.33% respectively during the corresponding periods.

Indian Railways have initiated various long and short term measures for addressing the problem of capacity constraints on the congested routes. Root cause analysis is being done on daily basis at Divisional, Zonal and Board level regarding the failures affecting punctual running of trains. Based on the analysis immediate corrective action is being done. Further, Railways have initiated various measures such as launching of Punctuality drives, sensitizing staff involved in train operations, improving asset reliability, rectification of asset failures in the shortest possible time and having better co-ordination with State Governments and civil authorities to deal with law & order problems effectively.

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