RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.943 ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

TRAINS AFFECTED DUE TO FOG

943 # SHRI RAM NATH THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of Indian Railways trains that was affected due to foggy, cold wave and low visibility conditions in the month of January 2024;

(b) whether this problem occurs almost every year; and

(c) if so, the details of measures taken to deal with these conditions in the last five years?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Foggy weather conditions affect normal operation of train services. During foggy weather conditions, for the safe operation of trains, fog protocol is implemented, which occasionally impacts the scheduled time table of trains. To assist the Loco Pilots in train operations during foggy weather conditions, various measures have been taken like providing Retro-reflective sigma boards on the OHE mast and GPS based Fog Safe devices to alert crew about approaching signals, level crossing gates etc. At present 19742 nos. Fog Safe devices have been provided for train operation.
