

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5255
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2017**

UNPRECEDENTED DELAY OF TRAINS

†5255. SHRI KIRTI AZAD:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of trains cancelled and delayed from January 2016 till date, date-wise;**
- (b) the number of trains which reached the station in time or before the scheduled time from January, 2016 till date, zone-wise and date-wise;**
- (c) the reasons for unprecedented delay of trains in the years 2016 and 2017 till date;**
- (d) whether the Railways has restricted the speed of trains to 60-70 kms per hour through informal message of the Railway Board; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5255 BY SHRI KIRTI AZAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2017 REGARDING UNPRECEDENTED DELAY OF TRAINS

(a) Month-wise figures of Mail/Express trains cancelled and delayed from January 2016 till date (upto 28 March 2017) are appended as Appendix-I.

(b) Zonewise monthwise position of Mail/Express trains reached destination right time, or upto 15 minutes late during the period from January 2016 to 28 March 2017 is appended as Appendix-II.

(c) Trains get delayed on Indian Railways due to not only the factors related to its internal working but also external factors which Railways are not in control of. Other than asset failures which delay trains, various constraints/difficulties adversely affect punctuality. Some of these facts are line capacity and terminal capacity constraints on account of increasing passenger and freight traffic, adverse weather conditions (fog, rains, breaches), intermittent natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, heavy rains, heavy road traffic at level crossing gates across the Indian Railways network, multi faceted Law & order problems, miscreant activities such as theft of Railway assets, mid-section run over cases involving cattle and humans etc.

(d) No, Madam. No such informal message has been issued from Railway Board for restricting the speed of trains to 60-70 kms. per hour. However, formal instructions exist regarding speed restriction during fog when visibility is reduced. During fog when the Loco Pilot in his judgment feels that visibility is restricted due to fog, he shall run at a restricted speed which shall not exceed 60 kmph in any case.

(e) Does not arise.

APPENDIX-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5255 BY SHRI KIRTI AZAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2017 REGARDING UNPRECEDENTED DELAY OF TRAINS

Summary

(b) **Zone wise trains reached before time, Right Time or upto 15 minutes late at stations during January 2016 to March 2017 (upto 28th March 2017)**

Sr.	Zone	2016 January to December	2017 January to 28 March	Total	Avg. per day
1	CR	43372	9831	53203	117
2	ECOR	17212	3574	20786	46
3	ECR	22794	4620	27414	61
4	ER	26957	5876	32833	72
5	KR	2515	595	3110	7
6	NCR	8139	1766	9905	22
7	NER	14671	2693	17364	38
8	NFR	19153	4322	23475	52
9	NR	66822	12969	79791	176
10	NWR	22260	4907	27167	60
11	SCR	38433	9170	47603	105
12	SECR	6604	1344	7948	18
13	SER	25203	5585	30788	68
14	SR	60812	12921	73733	163
15	SWR	26655	6054	32709	72
16	WCR	11238	2427	13665	30
17	WR	39435	9009	48444	107
Total		452275	97663	549938	1214
No. of days		366	87	453	
Avg. /day		1236	1123	1214	