

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.746  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.12.2017**

**INFORMATION BY SMS**

**†746. SHRI SATYAPAL SINGH:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether there is any plan to provide information by SMS in case of delay in journey through other trains on the line of information made available in Shatabdi and Rajdhani trains;**

**(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done;**

**(c) the time of reaching destination of Rajdhani and Shatabdi trains has been reduced by half-an-hour, whether such provision will be implemented in all long distance superfast trains also; and**

**(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be done?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) & (b): At present, in case of train delay by more than one hour, Short Message Service (SMS) is being sent to passengers of Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Tejas and Gatiman trains who are going to board trains from next/upcoming station.**

**Strengthening the existing passenger facilities and expanding its scope is an ongoing and continuous process.**

**(c) & (d): In the last one year, one Rajdhani Express Train no. 12310 has been speeded up by 30 minutes. However, speeding up of trains including Rajdhani/Shatabdi Express trains and existing Superfast/**

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**Express trains is a constant endeavour and continuous process on Indian Railways which is dependent on the constant optimization of the investments made by Railways in modernization of technology, high powered locos, modern coaches (Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB), air brake, Center Buffer Couplers (CBC)), improved signaling system, better tracks, easing of line capacity, electrification etc.**

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