

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.683
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.02.2019**

DELAY OF TRAINS DUE TO FOG

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Duranto, Rajdhani, Shatabdi and other premium trains are reaching their destinations very late even after clearance of foggy conditions;**
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the action taken against those committing such negligence; and**
- (c) the measures proposed for running premium trains on time?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

- (a) A large number of trains including Duranto, Rajdhani, Shatabdi and other premium trains are affected every year during foggy weather in the winter months in Northern parts of the country.**
- (b) and (c) Following measures are being taken for safety of passengers and trains during foggy weather:**
 - (i) Extensive footplate inspections by Officers and Supervisors, particularly during night hours are being ensured.**
 - (ii) There are directives for Loco Pilot that during fog, when Loco pilot feels that visibility is restricted due to fog, he shall run at a speed at which he can control the train so as to be prepared to stop short of any obstruction.**

Also punctuality of passenger carrying trains including Duranto, Rajdhani, Shatabdi and other premium trains is being monitored rigorously on a daily basis at Divisional, Zonal and Railway Board levels by Divisional Railway Managers (DRMs), General Managers (GMs) and Railway Board Members and Senior officers. To ensure running of these trains right time when pairing trains are running late, scratch rakes are inducted and rakes are standardized to the extent operationally feasible. Also various steps have been initiated to improve punctuality such as prioritization of preventive maintenance of assets to minimize asset failures, capacity enhancement projects by construction of additional loop lines at stations, doubling, construction of third line corridors, automatic signalling, construction of limited height subways to replace level crossings, Road Under Bridges (RUB) and Road Over Bridges (ROB) etc. Besides, punctuality drives are launched from time to time and staff involved in train operations are sensitized. In addition, Zonal Railways have also been advised to have better coordination with Civil and Police authorities of States to deal with situations arising out of law and order problems.
