

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.796
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.06.2019**

EFFECT OF HEAVY RAINS ON RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that heavy rains have severely affected rail services of the Central Railway in Mumbai and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plan to provide support to Mumbai's lifeline local trains during the monsoon season;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether locomotive engine has been modified so that it can move local trains as well as long-distance trains that get stuck on tracks due to water-logging; and**
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

- (a) Rail services of Central Railway in Mumbai have not been affected during this year due to heavy rains, so far.**
- (b) and (c) Running of Mumbai local trains, including during monsoon season, is being monitored rigorously. Steps being taken for smooth running of Mumbai local trains during monsoon season include:-**
 - 1. Control room is being monitored round the clock by officers and running and operating staff is kept on alert and advised to attend office in short notice during flooding.**
 - 2. Motor points are clamped in flood prone areas.**

- 3. Precautionary measures are taken in close co-ordination with Metrological department, BEST and Municipal Authorities and information is given to public through announcement & media.**
- 4. Water pumps have been installed at flood prone areas of railway tracks and points have been identified to be clamped in case of heavy rain.**
- 5. Patrolmen have been deployed at vulnerable locations by the engineering department.**
- 6. Muck Specials are being run at frequent intervals to clear tracks of garbage etc.**
- 7. Close co-ordination and liaisioning is done with various Municipal Bodies for arranging local transport and quick disbursal of passengers**
- 8. Monsoon precaution booklets have been issued by engineering and safety department, precautionary measures are taken to avoid marooning of rakes by close monitoring.**
- 9. Monsoon rakes are formed at various locations to meet unusual occurrences.**
- 10. Crowd control at vulnerable locations viz. Foot Over Bridges (FOBs), Station entrance/exits by deputing ticket checking staff and co-ordination with Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Government Railway Police (GRP) staff.**
- 11. Proper upkeep and maintenance of ticketing equipments like Unreserved Ticketing System (UTS), Automatic Ticket Vending Machines and Coin-operated Ticket Vending Machines (CoTVMs) to ensure proper condition of ticketing stock and to avoid down time of machines.**
- 12. Availability of adequate stock of catering materials and drinking water at all catering stalls, is ensured.**

(d) and (e) No specific modification in diesel locomotives has been carried for this purpose. Diesel locomotives can haul long distance as well as local trains within the existing operational conditions.