

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2132  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.03.2020**

**PUNCTUALITY OF TRAINS**

**2132. SHRI HIBI EDEN:**

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

- (a) the situation regarding keeping promptness/punctuality by the trains especially in Southern Railway;**
- (b) whether Government has received grievances of late running of trains in Kerala; and**
- (c) if so, the explanations therefor and the steps that have been initiated to find a solution to this problem?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2132 BY SHRI HIBI EDEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 04.03.2020 REGARDING PUNCTUALITY OF TRAINS**

**(a) The improved punctuality (%) performance of Southern Railway for the last three months and comparison with corresponding period of last year is as under:-**

<b>Month</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>82.81</b>	<b>88.07</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>80.69</b>	<b>88.57</b>
<b>January</b>	<b>82.83</b>	<b>86.36</b>

**(b) and (c) Yes, Sir. Complaints of late running of trains in Kerala are received at various levels i.e Station, Division, Zonal Railway and Railway Board. In order to improve punctuality on Southern Railways, numerous steps have been taken which include:-**

**(i) Express trains are provided with high power locomotives which have better acceleration/deceleration characteristics.**

**(ii) Timings of certain Mail/Express trains have been rearranged and rationalized, for improving punctuality.**

**(iii) Passenger trains are progressively provided with MEMU rakes which have better acceleration/deceleration characteristics, and this enables punctual operations of these trains.**

**(iv) Continuous efforts are being made to improve asset reliability to reduce failures to bare minimum level, so that detentions to trains are minimized.**

**(v) Data is being captured through data-loggers which is helping to give an accurate picture and improving punctuality.**

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