

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1493  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021**

**CANCELLATION OF TRAINS DUE TO FOG**

**1493. MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK:  
SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA:  
DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR:**

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

- (a) whether it is a fact that like previous years this year also trains are running late/cancelled due to fog and if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise;**
- (b) whether the unavailability of path is (Platform/ lines) also one of the reasons for delay in trains, if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard so far;**
- (c) whether there is any shortage of washing pit lines and stabling lines and if so, the details thereof Zone-wise; and**
- (d) the number of new washing pit lines that have been established in the last five years, zone-wise?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND  
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION**

**(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1493 BY MS. PRATIMA BHOUMIK, SHRI BHAGWANTH KHUBA AND DR. VIRENDRA KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.02.2021 REGARDING CANCELLATION OF TRAINS DUE TO FOG**

**(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Operations of trains get affected by fog. The Zone-wise details of trains which ran late and that which have been cancelled during the period December, 2020 to January, 2021, due to fog is as under:**

<b>Sl</b>	<b>Name of Zone</b>	<b>No. of trains affected</b>	<b>No. of trains cancelled</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>CENTRAL RAILWAY</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>EAST COAST RAILWAY</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY</b>	<b>360</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>EASTERN RAILWAY</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>KONKAN RAILWAY</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>NORTH CENTRAL RAILWAY</b>	<b>2287</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>NORTH EASTERN RAILWAY</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>NORTHEAST FRONTIER RAILWAY</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>NORTHERN RAILWAY</b>	<b>1390</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>NORTH WESTERN RAILWAY</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAY</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>SOUTH EAST CENTRAL RAILWAY</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>SOUTHERN RAILWAY</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>WEST CENTRAL RAILWAY</b>	<b>198</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>WESTERN RAILWAY</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>NIL</b>
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4789</b>	<b>44</b>

**To assist the Loco Pilots run the train during foggy weather condition, Fog PASS Device, a Global Positioning System (GPS) based hand held portable device, is given to Loco Pilots in fog affected sections. It serves as an aid for the crew during foggy weather through audio visual alarm, wherever any landmark comes within the Geo-fence range. Location of stations, warning boards, signals, level crossing gates and Whistle for Level crossing (W/L) boards in the section is fed in the equipment. It displays speed of the locomotive, distance and time to reach landmarks and is an important aid to Loco Pilots.**

**In addition to fog, other factors also impact punctual running of trains which include capacity constraints including path constraints on saturated routes, asset failures, alarm chain pulling, agitations, cattle run over, bad weather and other unforeseen circumstances. Based on assessments of factors impeding the punctual running of trains, remedial measures, both short term and long term, are initiated. High priority is accorded to making resources available for speedy execution of critical capacity augmentation as these on completion *inter-alia* facilitate improved efficiency and reliability in train operations.**

**(c) Adequate numbers of stabling lines and washing lines (Pit lines) are available for existing maintenance requirement over Zonal Railways.**

**(d) The number of new washing pit lines that have been established in the last five years, zone-wise are as under:-**

<b>Zonal Railway</b>	<b>Number of new washing pit lines commissioned</b>
<b>Northern Railway</b>	<b>09</b>
<b>North Central Railway</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>North Western Railway</b>	<b>06</b>
<b>North Eastern Railway</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Northeast Frontier Railway</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>Southern Railway</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>South East Central Railway</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>South Western Railway</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>South Central Railway</b>	<b>05</b>
<b>South Eastern Railway</b>	<b>02</b>
<b>Eastern Railway</b>	<b>09</b>
<b>East Central Railway</b>	<b>00</b>
<b>East Coast Railway</b>	<b>03</b>
<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>West Central Railway</b>	<b>02</b>
<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>04</b>
<b>Konkan Railway</b>	<b>01</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>79</b>