GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1182 TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.02.2022

CANCELLATION OF TRAINS DUE TO FOG

1182. SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:

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SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV:

SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:

SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is lot of delay/ cancellation of trains across the country due to recent fog, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) if so, the details of the trains cancelled or delayed and revenue loss to the railways due to delay of trains due to fog during current winter season;
- (c) whether passengers had to face a lot of inconvenience due to delay of trains and if so, the steps taken to mitigate the hardships faced by the passengers;
- (d) the steps that have been taken by the Railways to avoid delay of trains due to fog and if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether the railways is working to develop any advanced technology, just like in airplanes to tackle the problem of fog and prevent delays and danger of accidents due to fog and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1182 BY SHRI MANOJ TIWARI, SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA, SHRI RAVI KISHAN, SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA, SHRI DHAIRYASHEEL SAMBHAJIRAO MANE, SHRI SANJAY SADASHIVRAO MANDLIK, SHRI PRATAPRAO JADHAV, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE AND SHRI BIDYUT BARAN MAHATO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.02.2022 REGARDING CANCELLATION OF TRAINS DUE TO FOG

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. Operations of trains get affected by fog. A total of 4183 trains were effected and 4240 trains were cancelled due to fog during the period from December 2021 to January 2022.

Separate data regarding loss of revenue to the Railways due to delay of trains due to fog is not maintained.

(c) to (e) Yes, Sir. Passengers had to face a lot of inconvenience due to delay of trains. To mitigate the hardship and 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, which is not installed on a locomotive as such, 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 carried by the Loco Pilots.
