GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1435 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

LAYING OF TRACKS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF GOODS

1435. SHRI CHARANJIT SINGH CHANNI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the length of tracks laid for transport goods during the last five years;
- (b) whether goods trains and passenger trains run on the same track, if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the Government gives compensation to the public in case trains run delayed, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Normally, Indian Railways network carries mixed traffic, i.e. for both passenger and goods. However, exclusively for Goods Traffic, Ministry of Railways has taken up construction of two Dedicated Freight Corridors (DFC) viz. Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor (EDFC) from Ludhiana to Sonnagar (1337 Km) and the Western Dedicated Freight Corridor (WDFC) from Jawaharlal Nehru Port Terminal (JNPT) to Dadri (1506 Km). Out of total 2843 Km, 2741 Route Kilometers (96.4%) has been commissioned and operational, which carried 72,617 freight trains during FY 2024-25 (April to October).

In case of passenger train running late for more than three hours of the scheduled departure from the station commencing journey and where passengers do not want to travel, no cancellation or clerkage is levied and full fare is refunded on surrendering of ticket or TDR filed as the case may be upto actual departure of train as per applicable refund rules.
