GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1526 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024

TRAINS DELAYED/CANCELLED DUE TO FOG

1526. SHRI SUDHEER GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of trains cancelled/running delayed due to fog this year in the country and the revenue loss incurred by the Government as a result thereof;

(b) whether any strategy has been prepared to combat the problem of delays due to fog, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any new technology is being implemented to reduce the delay/cancellation of trains due to fog;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure that trains run on time during the winter season?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Indian Railways makes all efforts to run trains as per their schedule and punctually. However, foggy weather conditions affect normal operation of train services causing delays, cancellations and partial cancellations. To mitigate the effect of fog and to assist the Loco Pilots in train operations during foggy weather conditions, various measures have been taken. These include provision of Retro-reflective sigma boards on the OHE mast as an indication to alert/warn the crew of the stop signal ahead and GPS based Fog Safe devices to alert crew about approaching signals, level crossing gates etc. 26977 nos. Fog Safe devices have been provided for train operation up to October, 2024.

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