

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:556
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LATE RUNNING OF GOMATI EXPRESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that due to single rake the Gomati Express running between New Delhi and Lucknow runs late for hours together and continues to run late for the whole week;

(a) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government are planning to provide another rake for the train to make it punctual;

(d) if so, the details thereof and other measures taken/to be taken for punctuality of the train;

(e) whether the Government propose to provide double rake for trains which have single rake presently; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the progress made in this direction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) & (b): No, Sir. The punctuality of 2419/2420 Lucknow-New Delhi Gomti Express has been affected mainly due to alarm chain pulling, hose pipe disconnection and other miscreant activities. In addition provision of additional stoppages is another factor affecting punctuality of this train.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Railways make all possible efforts to run trains punctually. Intensive round the clock monitoring at different levels is undertaken regularly. In addition, punctuality drives both at Inspectorial and Officers' level are also being launched from time to time.

(e): No, Sir.

(f): Does not arise.