

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3028
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
SMOOTH RUNNING OF TRAINS
GOWDAR MALLIKARJUNAPPA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the militancy has affected the smooth running of trains in many areas in the country particularly in North- Eastern Region;
- (b) if so, the extent to which it has affected the railways; and
- (c) the action being taken to meet the situation for smooth running of trains in North-Eastern region and other parts of the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) to (c) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (B) TO (C) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3028 BY SHRI MALLIKARJUNAPPA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2000 REGARDING SMOOTH RUNNING OF TRAINS.

(b) to (c): Law & Order such as miscreant activities, agitation/bundhs, alarm chain pulling & bomb blast etc have been taking a heavy toll on smooth running of trains on Indian Railways. In certain parts of the country, night running was occasionally suspended or pilot special was run ahead of the trains, which is done at present in North- Eastern Region. In Punjab and J&K area, the railways run the trains sometimes in a convoy system, resulting in a number of trains being rescheduled and shut terminated causing disruption/regulation and late running of trains. The major factors, which have affected the smooth running of trains & their punctuality, are:-

1. Bomb blast in North Eastern region particularly in Assam area leading to disruption of rail services.
2. Suspension of night running of passenger services especially in Assam area of N.F. Railway leading to regulation/rescheduling of trains.
3. Running of pilot trains ahead of passenger carrying trains in the militant prone sections.
4. Security checks of passenger's coaches leading to detention en-route.
5. Patrolling of track/Railway Installations by Engineering/Security personal Railways have taken security measures such as suspension of night running during critical times, security checks, patrolling of track and installations, running of pilot trains etc. to ensure safe running of trains.