

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5543  
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LATE RUNNING OF LICHCHAVI EXPRESS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that Lichchavi Express running from Delhi to Sitamarhi (Bihar) is frequently reaching its destination late;
- (b) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to ensure timely running of this train;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to introduce a new train from Gorakhpur to New Delhi via Varanasi to facilitate the commuters; and
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. The Railways are seized of the problem of frequent late running of Lichchavi Express & have taken the following steps to ensure timely running:-

- (i) Punctuality drives are being launched from time to time.
  - (ii) To ensure punctual running effective monitoring is done at Divisional and Head Quarter level.
  - (iii) Frequent foot plate drives are launched.
  - (iv) Escorting by Railway Protection Force/Government Railway Police to check cases of alarm chain pulling.
  - (v) To induct a scratch rake from Northern Railway, to the extent it is operationally feasible.
- (c) No, Madam.
- (d) This is not feasible due to operational and resource constraints.