

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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DELAY OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the punctuality status of passenger trains is far from satisfactory;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken to ensure punctuality of passenger trains?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) No, Madam. Some trains run late due to various reasons like miscreant activities, alarm chain pulling, natural calamities, like cyclonic storms, damage to track due to breaches, law and order problems, bad weather, cattle run over and electricity grid failure, equipment failure etc. In recent months punctuality has also been adversely affected due to increase in bandhs/strikes leading to disruptions in railway operations.

(c) The following steps have been taken by Indian Railways to ensure safe and punctual running of passenger carrying trains:

1. Intensive round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels viz. Divisional, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board.
2. Launching of punctuality drives from time to time.
3. Improvement in standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.
4. Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.
5. Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems and miscreant activities.
6. Up-gradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signaling.