

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5037  
ANSWERED ON:09.12.2010  
DELAY DUE TO FOG  
Kumar Shri Vishwa Mohan

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the zone-wise details of trains delayed due to fog and other reasons during the year 2009-10, till date;
- (b) the loss suffered by the Railways due to such delays during the said period;
- (c) the steps taken to tackle such problems of delays due to fog;
- (d) whether railways inquiry service including 139 have failed in giving right information;
- (e) if so, the reasons therefor and steps taken in this regard; and
- (f) the steps taken to make inquiry services more effective?

**Answer**

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

- (a) A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.
- (b) The monetary loss to the Railways is not calculated train-wise or on the basis of punctuality of trains.
- (c) The steps taken to avoid delayed operation of trains due to fog are:-
  - (i) Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all levels viz., Divisional, Zonal Head Quarter and Railway Board.
  - (ii) Improvement in standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.
  - (iii) Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.
  - (iv) Up-gradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signal, including improving the visibility of the signals.
- (v) A Global Positioning System (GPS) based Fog safe device has also been developed which displays name of approaching signs and other critical landmarks in advance even during poor visibility condition.
- (d) No, Madam. However, a few cases of not furnishing information have come to notice.
- (e) & (f) The non furnishing of accurate information has been primarily on account of various factors affecting train movement such as terminal congestion, signal failure, accident, alarm chain pulling etc. which can not be anticipated in advance.

In order to make enquiry service more effective the National Train Enquiry System (NTES) through which the information is disseminated, has been completely integrated with Control Office Application distributed over all Divisions to capture trains actual arrival/departure information at each station which is then updated in the NTES. With this integration it has become feasible to give information regarding train running, on near real-time basis.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5037 BY SHRI VISHWA MOHAN KUMAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.12.2010 REGARDING DELAY DUE TO FOG

The number of Mail/Express trains which terminated late in each zone during 2009-10, till Nov.2010 is as below:

Railway

Eastern Railway	18,303
East Central Railway	27,894
East Coast Railway	4,654
Northern Railway	55,427
North Central Railway	7,011
North Western Railway	6,608
North Eastern Railway	10,671
North East Frontier Railway	8,852
Southern Railway	10,202
South Central Railway	5,004
South Eastern Railway	10,745
South East Central Railway	2,174
South Western Railway	8,157
Western Railway	7,382
West Central Railway	3,260
Konkan Railway.	241
Total	1,96,615