

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1703
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LATE RUNNING/CANCELLATION OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that rail-traffic is likely to come to a halt in certain areas of country due to heavy snowfall and fog;
- (b) if so, whether due to fog in the winter season, the Northern Railway has declared cancellation of some trains during the period 20th December to 31 January;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the steps taken/being taken particularly from technology point of view by the Railways to bring rail operations back to normalcy during the periods of fog and snowfall?

Answer

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

- (a) Rail traffic is likely to be affected especially on Northern part of India during fog but may not necessarily come to a halt.
- (b) & (c) Yes, Madam. 28 Mail/Express trains will remain cancelled and 8 Mail/Express trains will remain partially cancelled from 01.12.2011 to 31.01.2012 in view of the fog.

The Mail/Express trains are being cancelled/partially cancelled to ensure safe operation and for punctual running of passenger carrying trains during fog.

(d) Railways have provided LED signals at 4472 stations on Indian Railways to improve visibility during fog for safety and smooth running. In addition, on fog affected busy automatic signaling sections of Northern region of Indian Railways, modified automatic signals have been provided to facilitate safe and smooth train operations during the fog period.

A pilot project for provision of in-cab signaling using Train Protection and Warning System on New Delhi-Agra section- on 35 locomotives is in progress for safe train operation.

Extended trials of fog safe devices are in progress in fog prone Railways viz. Northern Railway, North Eastern Railway and North Western Railway.