

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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

- (a) whether the Railways are aware that many super fast/Mail/Express trains in the country are running late and not reached in destination point on scheduled time;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of the Railways thereto; and
- (c) the corrective measures/steps taken by the Railways to deal with the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (c) The all Indian punctuality of Mail/express trains which includes Superfast/Mail/Express trains has improved from 72% to 81% during the period November 2012 vis-À-vis corresponding period of last year. At times Mail/Express trains including Superfast trains do run late owing to causes which fall within the purview of Railways such as assets failures, maintenance blocks etc. and those which are beyond the control of Railways i.e. law and order, grid failures, natural calamities, agitation, accidents etc. The running of all Superfast and non-Superfast trains are monitored round the clock at stations, Divisional, Zonal & Board levels and concerted action is taken to improve punctuality due to factors falling within the purview of Railways. Besides this, regular coordination with the concerned authorities is also maintained to tackle law and order problems etc. which lead to late running of trains.