GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1810 ANSWERED ON:07.03.2013 TRAIN DELAY DUE TO FOG Bapurao Shri Khatgaonkar Patil Bhaskarrao;Choudhary Shri Bhudeo;Gaikwad Shri Eknath Mahadeo;Gandhi Shri Dilip Kumar Mansukhlal;Ganeshamurthi Shri A.;Gowda Shri D.B. Chandre;Jeyadural Shri S. R.;Paranjpe Shri Anand Prakash;Putul Kumari Smt. ;Ramasubbu Shri S.;Singh Shri Radha Mohan;Singla Shri Vijay Inder;Sugavanam Shri E.G.;Yadav Shri Ranjan Prasad

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trains cancelled/delayed due to fog during the last three months and the estimated losses suffered by the Railways as a result thereof, zone-wise;

(b) whether Railways have taken any initiative to install Global Positioning System based Fog Safe Devices in certain trains

(c) if so, the details thereof including its present status; and

(d) the steps taken by the Railways to address the issue and about dissemination of information regarding running trains for the benefit of the passengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI KOTLA JAYA SURYA PRAKASH REDDY)

(a) The number of Mail/Express trains cancelled/delayed due to fog during the last three months from December, 2012 to February, 2013 zone-wise, is appended. The data of financial loss due to late running of trains or their cancellation is not maintained train wise or zone-wise.

(b) & (c) Yes, Madam. At present Global Positioning System is available in 670 trains in Northern Railway, 190 trains in Northeastern Railway and 124 trains in Northwestern Railway.

(d) Information regarding train arrival and departure can be accessed by dialing 139 or through the website www.trainenquiry.com. In order to make this service more accurate, the National Train Inquiry System (NTES) through which the information is disseminated has been integrated with Control Office Application (COA) distributed over all Divisions to capture trains actual arrival/departure information at each station. With this integration it has become feasible to give information regarding train running, on near real-time basis.