

**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) the number of trains running late due to fog during the last three years and the current year; and
- (b) the steps taken by the Railways to avoid delayed operation of trains due to fog?

Answer

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

- (a) Approximately 9273 trains were late due to fog during the last three years and the current year.
- (b) Action taken to avoid delayed operation of trains due to fog are:-
 - (i) Intensive, round the clock monitoring of trains at all three levels viz., Divisional, Zonal Head Quarter and Railway Board.
 - (ii) Launching of punctuality drive.
 - (iii) Improvements in time table to provide a clear path.
 - (iv) Improvement in standard of maintenance of assets to reduce equipment failures.
 - (v) Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.
 - (vi) Up-gradation of technology of track, rolling stock and signal.
 - (vii) Deputing additional staff to alert the drivers through placement of detonators before the stop signals.
 - (viii) Improving the visibility of the signals.