

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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BHAGAL PUR GARIB RATH
Yadav Shri Om Prakash

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons behind delayed departure of Bhagalpur Garib Rath and other express trains from Anand Vihar Train Terminal despite the trains reaching three to four hours before the scheduled departure time;
- (b) the steps taken/being taken to address the said problem; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to attach more coaches to the said trains in view of heavy rush?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) For the month of July 2013 and for the period 01.08.2013-16.08.2013, train 22405/22406 had scheduled run on 24 occasions, out of these it departed late from Anand Vihar on 5 occasions. This train has a lie over in Anand Vihar of 9 hours and is given primary examination which takes almost 8 hours. On all these 5 occasions this train arrived late between 175" - 290". The train had to be rescheduled for late arrival of the link rake. Other trains had also to be rescheduled for late arrival of their link rake. Efforts, including regular monitoring is done at various levels to ensure punctual running of these trains.

(c) At present, 22405/22406 Bhagalpur-Anand Vihar (T) Garib Rath Express is running with 18 coaches which is considered adequate for the present level of traffic. Attachment of additional coaches in the train is not commercially justified at present. However, based on traffic pattern, extra coaches are attached to clear extra rush of passengers.