

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:137

ANSWERED ON:05.12.2013

LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS

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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether trains operated by the Railways are running late;
- (b) if so, the details thereof along with the reaction of the Railways thereto; and
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 137 BY SHRIMATI PUTUL KUMARI, SHRI ARVIND KUMAR CHAUDHARY AND SHRIMATI SUSMITA BAURI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.12.2013 REGARDING LATE RUNNING OF TRAINS.

(a) to (c) The punctuality of Mail/Express and passenger trains has registered an improvement for the period between 01.09.2013 to 30.11.2013 over the corresponding period of previous year as shown in the under mentioned table-

	2012-13 (01.09.2012 to 30.09.2012)	2013-14 (01.09.13 to 30.11.2013)	Difference
Mail/Express	82.40%	85.70%	03.30%
Passenger	74.81%	78.48%	03.67%

However, trains do run late owing to various factors which include Railway and non-Railway factors such as assets failure, capacity constraints, damage to track due to breaches, accidents, cattle run over, electricity grid failure, miscreant activities, alarm chain pulling, bad weather including fog, natural calamities such as cyclonic storms, law and order problems, etc.

While Indian Railways takes immediate and effective remedial action in so far as the railway related causes are concerned, for the non-railway related causes, it tries to mitigate the adverse effect of late running by maintaining close liaison with Civil Authorities of State/ Central Government.