

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:16
ANSWERED ON:05.12.2013
TRAIN PUNCTUALITY
Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the passenger trains in the country are not punctual;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the steps taken by the Railways to ensure punctuality of passenger trains?

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. 16 BY DR. MAHENDRASINH P. CHAUHAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.12.2013 REGARDING TRAIN PUNCTUALITY.

(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.