GOVERNMENT OF INDIA RAILWAYS LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2637 ANSWERED ON:06.02.2014 TRAINS AFFECTED BY FOG Majhi Shri Pradeep Kumar;Ramasubbu Shri S.;Ray Shri Rudramadhab

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether disruption of train services due to fog result in huge financial losses and problem to travelers, if so, the losses incurred due to fog during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) the number of trains cancelled/rescheduled due to foggy conditions during the last one year;

(c) whether the Railways plan to install fog safety devices and take measures to enhance train safety during fog to provide better facilities to travellers; and

(d) if so, the action plan drawn in this regard?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam. In case of cancellation and late running of trains by more than three hours full refund of fare is permitted to passengers holding reserved tickets without deducting any cancellation charges. The losses incurred due to fog are, however, not maintained by Indian Railways separately.

(b) Due to foggy conditions during the last one year (01.02.2013 to 28.02.2014) total number of trains cancelled were 1352 and rescheduled were 2616.

(c) Yes, Madam.

(d) The trials of Fog-Pass devices (which indicates the location of Signals to the driver inside the cab through GPS) are already on and certain improvements have been identified for making this device more effective and safe. Presently, these improvements are under implementation. Once the design is proven and frozen after trials, full implementation would be implemented.