

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

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PUNCTUALITY OF TRAINS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Railways have formulated a plan for making special arrangements to ensure safe movement and punctuality of trains during foggy season;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent to which this would ensure safe movement and punctuality of trains during foggy season?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (c) During foggy season, the punctuality of trains does get affected depending on the intensity of fog. The following steps are taken to ensure safety and punctuality of trains:-

- (1) Availability of adequate number of detonators at stations.
- (2) Placement of detonators during foggy weather to warn the Loco pilot of the signal ahead as per stipulations in the General Rules.
- (3) Line marking across the track near the location of signal warning Boards.
- (4) Instructions to Loco Pilots to whistle frequently ahead of level crossing to warn road users.
- (5) Reduction in speed during foggy weather based on loco pilot's assessment of brake power, load and visibility, etc.