

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SERVICE ON MAILANI GONDA SECTION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the rail track gets submersed under water every year due to flood in Lakhimpur district of Uttar Pradesh and train services get affected as a result thereof on Mailani-Gonda section;
- (b) if so, the details thereof for the last three years and the current year along with the reasons for the failure of the Railways in timely attending to the problem;
- (c) the remedial steps taken/being taken by Railways to fix the problem in time bound manner?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) to (c): Yes Madam. During the last three years, rail traffic had been suspended for total 9 days due to submersion of track between Dudhwa and Palia Kalan railway stations. In the current year, there has not been any incidence of submersion of track so far. Main cause of flooding is due to sudden discharge of water from Banbasa barrage operated by Uttar Pradesh Irrigation Department. Discharge position from the Banbasa barrage is regularly monitored and necessary action is taken for safety of rail traffic.

In order to increase the waterway and to minimize rail traffic suspension due to flooding, 7 additional bridges have been provided between Dudhwa and Palia Kalan stations and three additional bridges have been provided between Manjhra Purab and Tikunia stations during the last 4 years.