

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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IMPROVING SEWAGE SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways are aware that monsoon rains resulted in closure of Mumbai Central Railway and Harbour line trains due to waterlogging of tracks;
- (b) if so, whether Railways have devised a strategy to prevent water logging and disruption of train services including closing of nullahs around track premises; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the timeframe for its implementation?

Answer

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

- (a) Yes, Madam. Sometimes, during heavy rains, train services are affected due to overflow of runoff water from municipal drainage system onto railway tracks. This occurs mainly during high tide at the time of heavy rains.
- (b) & (c) In suburban areas, municipal drainage system cross the railway tracks at various locations before it discharges city water into nearby sea/creeks. Before onset of monsoon, review is done by Railway with Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai for widening and cleaning of nullahs on Municipal / Railway area to prevent their overflowing and waterlogging onto railway track.