

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 131  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.07.2018**

**PUNCTUALITY OF TRAINS**

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SHRI VINAYAK BHAURAO RAUT:  
SHRI SHRIRANG APPA BARNE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether it is the fact that 40% of the trains have been delayed during the last few months, if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**

**(b) whether punctuality of trains has never been the best bet for most of people and if so, whether the Railways has been facing severe criticism for train delays;**

**(c) whether some railway zones have extended the run time from 30 minutes to 1 hour;**

**(d) if so, whether the Union Government has decided to include the delayed time in the time table and if so, the facts in this regard; and**

**(e) whether the average speed of superfast trains will be affected by including the delayed time in the time table and if so, the response of the Union Government thereon?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) and (b) Percentage of Mail/Express trains delayed during last 3**

months is as under:-

<b>April 2018</b>	<b>39 %</b>
<b>May 2018</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>June 2018</b>	<b>35%</b>

Since last few months, a large number of safety related, track maintenance works are being undertaken. This has led to drop in punctuality of trains over Indian Railways. For maintenance of assets and infrastructure augmentation, 4,60,566 block hours have been given during April to June 2018 as against 4,11,627 block hours during April to June 2017, which is 48,938 more block hours as compared to the corresponding period of 2017-18.

Many times, trains get delayed not only due to the factors related to its internal working but also external factors which are beyond the control of Railways. In addition to asset failures, certain factors such as line capacity and terminal capacity constraints on account of increasing passenger and freight traffic, adverse weather conditions (fog, rains, breaches), intermittent natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, heavy rains, heavy road traffic at level crossing gates across the Indian Railways network, mid-section run over cases involving cattle and humans etc. also adversely affect the punctuality of trains over Indian Railways.

(c) to (e) With a view to facilitate passengers about actual arrival of trains and to incorporate the time required for safety related works, Zonal Railways have proposed certain time table changes, including delayed arrival at certain terminals and the same is being reviewed.

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