

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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ON TIME PERFORMANCE OF TRAINS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether 'on time' performance of trains is declining;
- (b) if so, the percentage of late arrivals of trains during the last one year along with the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the performance of trains is declining day-by- day; and
- (d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken to improve the performance of trains?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (KUMARI MAMATA BANERJEE)

(a) to (d): In the "right time arrival" punctuality performance, there has been a marginal improvement of 0.3 on the Broad Gauge and an improvement of 1.9% on Metre Gauge during 1999-2000 compared to last year. The arrivals during the last one year has been as under:-

Broad Gauge Metre Gauge

1999-2000 17.4% 2.1%

The reasons for late arrival include factors such as equipment failures due to obsolescence, miscreant activities, agitation's, law and Order Problems, bad weather e.g. fog, breaches etc. alarm chain pulling, accidents, cattle run over, Electricity grid failure and saturated trunk routes.

The following steps are being taken to improve the punctuality performance of trains;

1. Intensive round the clock monitoring of trains at all the three levels viz. Division, Zonal Head Quarters and Railway Board level.
2. Punctuality drives are being conducted by nominating officials to monitor trains.
3. Running f trains at maximum permissible speed subject to observance of safety limits and speed restrictions.
4. Improvement in Time tabling to provide a clear path.
5. Improvement in standard maintenance to reduce equipment failures.
6. Counseling and motivating staff to ensure punctual running.
7. Liaison with State Government to tackle the Law and Order problems an miscreant activities.