

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:13  
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STOPPAGE OF THROUGH TRAINS AT MAJOR TERMINALS  
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**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether it is mandatory for stopping of all through trains at major terminals for more than 20 minutes;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the Railways are aware that due to stopping of through trains at major terminals for more than 20 minutes causes inconvenience to passengers as well as punctuality of trains defeats its purpose; and
- (d) if so, the steps taken by the Railways to review of trains more punctually for its better performance?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): No, Sir.
- (b): Does not arise.
- (c): Some trains stop for more than 20 minutes due to unavoidable operational necessities like precedence, availability of path, arrival of link trains, convenient arrival at the terminal station, changing of locomotives, watering of trains etc.
- (d): Following steps are taken to improve punctuality of trains:
  - i) Round the clock monitoring of trains.
  - ii) Planning and development of infrastructural facilities.
  - iii) Improving the reliability of equipments by preventive maintenance and quick restoration of failures.
  - iv) Regular meetings at various levels to analyse the periodical performance and corrective actions initiated.
  - v) Educating the road users for safety at level crossings.