

Punctuality Performance of Railways

468. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the punctuality performance of the Indian Railways in case of even the prestigious trains which has gone down considerably during the last three years does not appear to show any sign of improvement;

(b) what efforts have been made to ensure punctuality of trains; and

(c) what are the factors responsible for late running of trains-

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI A. B. A. GHANI KHAN CHAU-DHURI): (a) sad (c) The overall punctuality performance of Mail/Express

trains on all Indian Railways including that of prestigious trains has shown a steady improvement for the last three years as may be seen from the figures furnished below:—

Year	Punctuality percentage	
	'Not	loans! time'
	B.C.	M.C.
1980-81	84-3	85-9
1981-82	85-4	88-3
1982-83	36-a*	89-6*
1983-84 (Upto May, 83)	86-3	9,-4

* Provisional figures.

However, some trains, do run late sometimes, on account of alarm chain pulling, miscreant activities, disconnection of hose-pipes, accidents, public agitations, rains & breaches, rolling stock failures, signal failures/defects and other operating failures.

(b) A special cell has been opened in Railway Board's Office where the punctuality performance of 214 important Mail/ Express trains i.s being monitored on day-to-day basis. General Managers and Divisional Railway Managers are paying personal attention to matters pertaining to punctual running of trains.

Conference of State Health Ministers

469. SHRI RAMCHANDRA BHARADWAJ: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Health Ministers of States was held in New Delhi in the month of July, 1983;

(b) if so, what were the main recommendations and suggestions, of the conference; and

(c) what steps have been taken to implement those recommendations and suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI): (a) Yes, Sir. A Joint Conference of the Central Council of Health and the Central Family Welfare Council was held in New Delhi under the Chairmanship of Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare from 7th to 9th July, 1983.

(b) The main Recommendations are given in the Statement [See Appendix CXXVII, Annexure No. 13].

(c) Action has been initiated to implement these recommendations at the Centre-and in the States and Union Territories.