

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2. No. of buses on road daily	1790	523	2313	1973	623	2596
3. No. of trips scheduled daily	25005	7962	32967	27176	9722	36898
4. No. of trips operated daily	21365	7387	28752	24000	8628	32628
5. Operational ratio .	85.44	92.78	87.21	88.32	88.45	88.43
6. Kilometres operated daily (in lakhs) .	3.93	1.18	5.11	4.43	1.45	5.85
7. No. of passengers carried daily (in lakhs) .	18.14	6.39	24.53	20.34	5.96	26.30

Deterioration of Railways' efficiency

142. SHRI KHURSHED ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that operational efficiency of the Railways has deteriorated during the last few months;

(b) whether it is also a fact that late running and cancellation of trains is still continuing; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) and (b) The punctuality performance of trains on some Zonal Railways has not been satisfactory in the recent past primarily due to severe weather conditions, increased incidence of alarm chain pulling and other miscreant activities, public/staff agitations, accidents, political agitations, in Bihar and Assam etc. Due to inadequate availability of steam coal some trains continue to remain cancelled temporarily.

(c) General Managers of the Railways have been asked to pay special attention to the punctual running of trains and arrange for day-to-day monitoring of important Mail & Express trains not only at the field level but also at the Zonal Head Quarters

level. Avoidable detentions are taken up immediately and remedial/punitive action taken to improve the running of trains. General Managers have also been instructed that slackness of staff in this matter should be dealt with firmly and promptly. Liaison is also being maintained with the concerned State Government to check the incidence of alarm chain pulling, disconnection of hose-pipes and other miscreant activities. Trains cancelled due to shortage of steam coal are being restored as and when the availability of steam coal shows sustained improvement.

Recognition to the Government of Kampuchea

143. SHRI HARKISHAN SINGH SURJEET: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a), whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to recognise the Kampuchea Government headed by Heng Samarin;

(b) if so, by when the new regime is likely to be accorded recognition;

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the names of the countries which have recognised and established diplomatic relations with the said Government; and

(e) whether the Government of Vietnam have indicated by when their