

website www.indianrailways.gov.in. Efforts are made to promptly attend the complaints requiring immediate attention on running trains or at stations, especially the ones relating to security or medical assistance, received through any channel viz., helpline number, SMS, web, mobile App, social media, etc.

(c) For cleanliness at stations, integrated Housekeeping Contracts are being put in place at major stations. Further to ensure overall cleanliness, number of toilets including pay and use toilets are being augmented. For monitoring the cleanliness, CCTVs are being used and Rules have been framed to penalise the persons affecting cleanliness at railway premises. Third party survey has been done at 407 major stations to assess the quality of cleanliness. To ensure cleanliness in trains, Clean Train Stations (CTS) has been introduced for mechanised cleaning at nominated stations, On Board Housekeeping (OBHS) introduced in about 780 long distance trains, SMS/Web-based request for cleanliness and passenger feedback system 'Clean My Coach' in OBHS trains put in place, dustbins being provided in newly- built sleeper coaches, fitment of bio-toilets in coaches, etc. Maintaining cleanliness of stations and trains is a mammoth task owing to heavy footfalls/overcrowding, environmental condition, uncontrolled usage, passenger habits and long leads of trains. Toilets/bio-toilets sometimes get choked due to dumping of bottles, napkins, etc.

Delay of trains due to fog

†2038 DR. VINAY P. SAHASRABUDDHE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any permanent solution has been found for avoiding the delay due to fog in winters, in running of trains bound for Delhi and leaving Delhi for different corners of the country so that trains run uninterrupted;

(b) whether any success was achieved from the effective steps that were taken by Railways over past years to deal with the problem; and

(c) the type of measures taken by Government between 2014 and 2016 and the number of those implemented out of them, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) No, Sir. As of now there is no permanent solution for avoiding delay due to fog in winters. However, some temporary measures are taken to minimize the traffic congestion caused by reduced visibility during fog which includes cancellation, partial cancellation, diversion and frequency reduction of less patronized trains, inducting scratch rakes to avoid rescheduling etc.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Indian Railways cancelled the following trains to ease out congestion during fog in the years 2014-15 and 2015-16:

Year	Cancelled	Partially cancelled	Diverted	Frequency reduced
2014-15	54	8	4	-
2015-16	30	4	4	482

(b) and (c) A Global Positioning System (GPS) based FOG PASS device which displays the name and distance of approaching signals and other critical landmarks in advance during poor visibility condition has been developed and is on trial. This is a portable equipment issued to Loco Pilots on fog affected Zonal Railways while working trains during fog season, not fitted permanently on Locomotive. In addition to the above, to minimize the delay in train operation due to poor visibility during foggy weather, a retro-reflective strip in sigma shape for identification of signals is being provided on two OHE masts prior to all signals in fog affected electrified territories. This is an additional aid to Loco Pilots working in fog affected Divisions/Railway.

Doubling of railway lines in Rajasthan

†2039. SHRI NARAYAN LAL PANCHARIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of railway routes in Rajasthan for which doubling of railway lines is being demanded;

(b) whether doubling of Alwar-Jaipur-Phulera-Merta-Jodhpur railway line would be undertaken; and

(c) if so, by when, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) Proposals/representations from organizations, users, elected public representatives, etc. both formal as well as informal are received by Railways at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Headquarters etc. As receipt of such complaints/suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests/demands is not maintained.

These demands from various organizations, State Governments, elected representatives form an important basis to ascertain requirement of projects. The projects are taken up on the basis of remunerativeness, last mile connectivity, missing

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