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North Central	754	802	1198	976
North Eastern	403	431	456	131
Northeast Frontier	143	220	252	98
North Western	475	419	445	245
Southern	588	537	1330	1717
South Central	1664	1728	2527	1376
South Eastern	288	463	434	260
South East Central	481	537	860	400
South Western	358	450	514	158
Western	1882	1811	4262	2742
West Central	2227	2712	3138	1878

Late running of Seemanchal Express due to lack of rakes

†2047. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that the Seemanchal Express, that runs from Jogbani to Anand Vihar and back to Jogbani, generally runs late by 12 to 24 hours due to non-availability of rakes as per requirement;

(b) whether Government has any plan of providing the facility of additional rakes for this train; and

(c) if so, by when along with the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) 12487 Jogbani-Anand Vihar, Seemanchal Express reached destination more than 12 hrs late on 9 days and 12488 Anand Vihar-Jogbani Seemanchal Express reached destination more than 12 hrs late on 19 days during last three months (May to July 2018).

Trains including 12487/12488 Jogbani-Anand Vihar, Seemanchal Express get delayed not only due to the factors related to its internal working but also external factors which are beyond the control of Railways.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

Factors such as line capacity and terminal capacity constraints on account of increasing passenger and freight traffic, asset failure, adverse weather conditions (fog, rains, breaches), intermittent natural calamities such as floods, cyclones, heavy rains, heavy road traffic at level crossing gates across the Indian Railways network, mid-section run over cases involving cattle and humans etc. adversely affect the punctuality of trains over Indian Railways.

(b) and (c) In order to improve punctuality of 12487/12488 Jogbani-Anand Vihar, Seemanchal Express, one extra rake has been inducted into services w.e.f 02.07.2018.

Trains originating and terminating from Katihar

†2048. SHRI AHMAD ASHFAQUE KARIM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of trains originating and arriving at Katihar are negligible even though it is an old Railway Division, connecting about 8 districts falling under Purnia and Koshi Divisions;

(b) whether Railways propose to run additional trains from Railway Headquarters of Katihar Division; and

(c) if not, the details of reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): (a) to (c) Thirty two (32) trains presently originating from/terminating at Katihar are considered adequate for the present level of traffic. Further, to cater to the needs of passengers of Katihar, a new train service namely 15705/15706 Katihar- Delhi Champaran Humsafar Express has recently been introduced w.e.f. 10.04.2018. Moreover, introduction of trains is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, resource availability and traffic justification.

Irregularities in Tatkal bookings

2049. SHRI T. G. VENKATESH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that irregularities are taking place on a large scale in Tatkal bookings by way of illegal software;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

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