

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 784
ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023

DECLINING AVERAGE SPEED OF TRAINS

784. DR. V. SIVADASAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has any systematic data and analysis regarding the average speed of different types of passenger and freight trains;
- (b) the average speed achieved by different types of passenger and freight trains in the last five years, year-wise, zone-wise and train type-wise; and
- (c) the reasons for the decline in the average speed of trains as reported in media?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.784 BY DR. V. SIVADASAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 08.12.2023 REGARDING DECLINING AVERAGE SPEED OF TRAINS

(a) to (c): Average speed achieved by different types of passenger and freight trains is maintained at the level of Indian Railways and is given as under:

(Kms./hr.)

Type of Train	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24 (up to Nov.23)
Mail Express	50.3	50.2	50.6	*	*	*	51.1
Ordinary	33.8	33.5	33.5	*	*	*	35.1
Goods	23.3	23.2	23.6	*	*	*	23.6

** data is not representative, being affected by Covid pandemic*

Mail/express and ordinary passenger train services speed have gone up in 2023-24 since pre-covid period.
