

QUES 04:-

A train standing at the outer signal of a railway station blows a whistle of frequency 400 Hz in still air. The train begins to move with a speed of 10 ms^{-1} towards the platform. What is the frequency of the sound for an observer standing on the platform? (sound velocity in air = 330 ms^{-1})

Sol. Given, frequency(ν) = 400 Hz, speed of the source(v_s) = 10 m/s, speed of sound in air(v) = 330 m/s
As the source is moving towards stationary observer, apparent frequency will be more than the original,

$$\begin{aligned}\nu' &= \text{apparent frequency} \\ &= \frac{v \times \nu}{v - v_s} = \frac{330 \times 400}{330 - 10} \\ &= 412.5 \text{ Hz}\end{aligned}$$

This is the required frequency as heard by the stationary observer.