

Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding declaration of Ambernath railway station as a Heritage station-laid.

**DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE (KALYAN):** Ambernath is situated in my constituency of Kalyan and is home to the 11th century sacred Shiv Mandir. Due to its religious and cultural significance, Ambernath has a high tourist footfall comprising of devotees and art enthusiasts who attend the Ambernath Art Festival. Ordnance Factory, Rail Neer plant along with 160 large scale manufacturing units which include MNCs are also located in Ambernath. Ambernath is developing as an alternative to settlements of Mumbai and Metropolitan region and its railway station on Central Line of Mumbai Suburban Network is used by a large chunk of local commuters in addition to devotees and tourist resulting in increased footfall. Due to its industrial, cultural and historical heritage, I request the Government to declare Ambernath Railway Station as a Heritage station incorporating ethnic and architectural elements on the lines of CSMT Redevelopment project to enable its modernization and beautification and to honour the long pending demands of the people of Ambernath.