

**Re: Introduction of AC local train services at Badlapur, Ambernath and Dombivli Railway Stations ? laid**

**DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE (KALYAN):** AC local train passengers on Central Railway and Western Railway have been growing exponentially but are still low compared to the overall passenger count owing to the lack of more trains and other related factors. Passenger numbers have increased by 228 per cent on CR and 309 per cent on WR compared to May 2022. However, the daily average number of passengers using AC locals is still close to about 2 lakh, compared to the nearly 75 lakh passengers a day on the full suburban section. I represent the Kalyan Lok Sabha Constituency where Railways is the lifeline for the commuters and there has been an increase in demand for AC local trains from the passengers. In the past, new AC locals, including those from Badlapur were introduced in August 2022 but were subsequently withdrawn. The demand for AC local from stations like Badlapur, Ambernath and Dombivli is increasing and there is an urgent need to restart the AC Local operations on this route. I request the Government to kindly intervene and examine the feasibility of introducing AC local train services at stations like Badlapur, Ambernath and Dombivli between 8.00 am and 8.30 am which will benefit maximum commuters.