

Title : Regarding safety of passengers travelling in local trains in Mumbai

**SHRI ANIL YESHWANT DESAI (MUMBAI SOUTH-CENTRAL):** Mumbai is the financial capital of the country and local trains are the life line of Mumbai. Spread over 390 KM, the suburban railway operates 2,342 train services for more than 7.5 million commuters daily. This local train network is very vast and dependable but if we compare it with the population, we found it quite inadequate. During peak hours, it is almost a herculean task to enter any compartment or come out of it. Large number of passengers lost lives every year in local train accidents. About 2,590 commuters lost their lives on Mumbai's suburban rail network in 2023, averaging seven deaths daily. Trespassing falls from trains, and accidents involving gaps or poles are some primary causes, accounting for nearly five fatalities daily. Sometimes commuting in Mumbai locals is equals to a warzone, given the higher death rate compared to soldiers on active duty in other cities. Coming to college or going to work is like going to war, as the fatalities are more than the number of soldiers dying in active duty. I, therefore, request railway authorities to ensure the safety of passengers and ensure comfortable journey for lakhs of local trains passengers in Mumbai.