GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2716 TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024

LOCAL TRAINS IN MUMBAI

2716 SHRI ANIL YESHWANT DESAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Local Trains in Mumbai is the life line of that mega city which is the financial capital of the country;
- (b) whether any survey has ever been made to see the number of people travelling daily in local trains to earn their bread & butter, if so, the details thereof:
- (c) the details of the number of accidents involving local trains and number of passengers died and injured during last five years; and
- (d) whether there is any rule or restrictions for the number of passengers can travel in a general and reserve coach, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2716 BY SHRI ANIL YESHWANT DESAI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING LOCAL TRAINS IN MUMBAI.

(a) & (b) For convenience of commuters of Mumbai area, local trains are run on suburban sections of Central and Western Railways. During the Financial Year 2023-24, approximately 241.1crore passengers used the services of local trains on suburban section of Central and Western Railways.

Further, to reduce congestion in Mumbai suburban corridors (including Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and Kurla), Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)-II costing ₹8,087 crore, MUTP-III costing ₹10,947 crore and MUTP-IIIA costing ₹33,690 crore have been sanctioned to meet the future demands of Passengers. These projects include following rail links in Mumbai Suburban Area:

S.No.	Name of project	Cost
		(₹ in crore)
1	6th Line Mumbai Central-Borivali (30 km)	919
2	Extension of Harbour Line Goregaon-Borivali (7 km)	826
3	Virar-Dahanu Road 3rd & 4th Line (64 km)	3587
4	5th & 6th Line CSTM-Kurla (17.5 km)	891
5	Panvel-Karjat Suburban corridor (29.6 km)	2782
6	Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) suburban corridor link (3.3 km)	476
7	5th & 6th line Borivali-Virar (26 km)	2184
8	4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon (32 km)	1759
9	3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur (14.05 km)	1510
10	Kalyan Yard-Segregation of Main Line & Suburban	866

In addition, construction of Vasai bye pass line (Double line) between Naigaon and Juchandra (5.73 Km) has been sanctioned at a cost of ₹175.99 Crores. Further extension of these corridors for future demands on suburban corridors is a continuous process.

All MUTP projects have been sanctioned on 50:50 cost sharing basis between Ministry of Railways and Government of Maharashtra. However, Maharashtra Govt. was not providing requisite funds on time as per the commitment till 2022-23, resulting in delay in completion of the projects. Government of Maharashtra has started funding for MUTP-IIIA projects from April 2023.

- (c) During the last 5 years from 2019-20 to 2023-24, total 05 consequential train accidents of local trains have taken place over Mumbai Area i.e. Mumbai Divisions of Central Railway and Western Railway. There was no passenger fatality or injury in these consequential accidents.
- (d) Indian Railway strives to provide confirmed accommodation to all passengers. However, only those passengers are allowed to board the reserved coaches who have valid travel authority to travel. Unreserved tickets are valid for the journey as per extant guidelines in any train going from the journey originating station to the destination station and in the class indicated on the ticket. These tickets are not train specific.
