

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5108
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CONVERSION OF GOODS SERVICES INTO PASSENGER SERVICES
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether goods services is operating from Panvel to Uran and Thal in Maharashtra;
- (b) whether there is a demand to convert these lines from Goods services to Passenger services;
- (c) if so, since when the demand is pending with the Government and the reasons therefor; and
- (d) the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a)&(b): Yes, Sir.

(c) : There has been a demand since 1993. Panvel-Uran section is used for the traffic of Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust and a LPG Depot at Uran. Pen- Thal section, which is a sidingline, is used for the traffic of Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertiliser Factory at Thal. Running of passenger services will affect the existing and projected traffic on these and adjoining sections. Therefore, a Techno Economic study to assess the feasibility and works required for running of Diesel Multiple Units/Electrical Multiple Units from Panvel to Nhava Sheva/Thal/Uran has been sanctioned.

(d) : Decision will be taken after the study is completed.