

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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SUBURBAN RAIL SERVICE ON VASAI-DIVA RAIL LINE
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have received representation to start Mumbai suburban rail service on Vasai-Diva rail line;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the action taken/proposed to be taken by the Government thereon ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BASANAGOUDA R. PATIL)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. A demand for introduction of EMU services on Vasai - Diva section has been received from Shri Vilas Patil and Shri Deepak Mishra.

(c) The demand cannot be acceded to because of the line capacity and infrastructure constraints. Vasai-Diva section is catering for already heavy movement of freight traffic from Western and Northern India, to the vital freight terminals such as Jawahar Lal Port Trust, Uran city defence and Petroleum Oil Lubricant terminal, Rashtriya Chemical Fertilizer Ltd., Thal, Kalmboli etc. It is also used for running Mail Express trains from Western and Northern Railway towards Konkan and Southern Railway. 3 pairs of DMU services are also running in the section.