

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA**

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PASSENGER AMENITIES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Pune Railway station lacks basic amenities and other infrastructures despite being declared as world class station in the year 2007;
- (b) if so, whether the Railways propose to improve infrastructure, passenger amenities at Pune Station and take initiative for its expansion and start new trains as proposed by the State Government from there;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps being taken by the Railways to provide infrastructure facilities for the K. R. Nagar Railway Station, Mysore district on an urgent basis and the necessary funds provided for the same?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) to (c): All minimum essential passenger amenities as per norms have been provided at Pune Railway station. Improvement/augmentation of amenities at stations is a continuous process. Works of widening of foot over bridge by 12m, provision of 2nd foot over bridge at Mumbai end and improvement to water supply for carriage watering and drinking have been sanctioned. Introduction of new trains is an ongoing process, subject to operational feasibility, availability of resources, traffic justification etc. Following train facilities serving Pune have been provided during 2012-2013:

1. 19201/19202 Porbandar-Secunderabad Express (bi-weekly) has been introduced w.e.f. 09.7.2012
2. 11025/11026 Pune-Manmad Express has been extended upto Bhusaval from 1.7.2012
3. 11017/11018 Dadar-Yesvantpur Chalukya Express extended upto Puducherry on 3 days in a week from 7.11.2012 (new No. 11005/11006 Dadar Puducherry Express) and extended upto Tirunelveli on 3 days in a week from 8.11.2012 (New No.11021/11022 Dadar-Tirunelveli Express)
4. 11405/11406 Amravati-Pune Express (bi-weekly) has also been announced in Railway Budget 2012-2013.

(d) Work of Construction of Toilets on Platform at K.R. Nagar station has been taken up. Work of provision of platform shelter on Platform No.2 has been sanctioned. Adequate funds are available for execution of above works.