

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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NEW TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have any plan to start a direct train between Pune and Kolhapur such as intercity train service;
- (b) if so, the details in this regard and if not, the reasons for not providing direct rail link;
- (c) whether the DEMU train service No. 78019/78020 declared in the Budget 2012-13 to operate between Bangripose and Baripada in full days of week but this DEMU train service is operating only six days; and
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor and the steps taken to operate the above DEMU train services in all days of week?

Answer

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

(a) & (b): At present, 8 pairs of services are available between Pune and Kolhapur. Introduction of new train services including intercity train is an on-going process, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc. However, presently, there is no proposal to introduce intercity train service between Pune and Kolhapur as these trains are found to be adequate.

(c) & (d): 78019/78018 Baripada-Bangriposi DEMU Passenger train was introduced w.e.f. 13.07.2012, which is running on 6 days a week at present. One day is kept for weekly maintenance of the rake at Kharagpur. Presently, all the 5 pairs of DEMU trains in Rupsa-Baripada-Bangriposi section are running with only one DEMU rake on 6 days in a week. Daily running of these trains is not feasible at present due to resource constraints.