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Title: Regarding renaming of sub-urban railway stations in Mumbai.

SHRI ARVIND SAWANT (MUMBAI SOUTH): For the past 25 years, people of Mumbai are demanding to name the Railway Station/Terminus after Shri Nana Shankar Shett. In fact our beloved leader Late Shri Balasaheb Thackeray demanded to rename the Victoria Terminus Station after Late Shri Nana Shankar Shett. Accordingly Brihan Mumbai Municipal Corporation unanimously passed a resolution to rename the VT Station as Nana Shankar Shett Terminus. But eventually the station was renamed as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus and the issue of naming the station/terminus after great philanthropist Shri Nana Shankar shetti remains unresolved. Shri Nana Shankar Shett was an architect of modern Mumbai. The nation's first Railway ran from the then VT station to Thane with his magnificent contribution. It was known as GIP Railway. The Head Office of GIP was opened in his bungalow. He took initiative for Railway, handed over his land for it. He was a pioneer of Railway services in India. Even the British Govt. acclaimed it. With his vision and generosity the J.J. School of Architecture, Eliphinston College and present Jeejmata Udhyan were established in Mumbai. But till date, Railway did not recognise his contribution for Mumbai and nation.

I request the Government on behalf of crores of Mumbaikars to rename Bombay Central Terminus after Shri Shankar Shett and do justice to the long pending demand.

Moreover, it has been observed that beyond Dadar Station on both, Central, Western and Harbour Railway the names of the stations are of those areas .except South Mumbai, where on few stations the names of the British Rulers still exist. Hence, I propose the following changes as the names of the Post Offices, Police Stations are known by the name of that area only.

### **Central Railway**

<b>Existing name</b>		<b>Proposed Name</b>
Curry Road Railway Station	-	Lalbaug Railway Station
Sandhurst Road Railway Station	-	Dongri Railway Station

### **Western Railway**

Eliphinston Road Railway Station	-	Prabhadevi Railway Station
Curry Bombay Central Terminus/Station	-	Nana Shankar Shett Terminus
Grant Road	-	Gamdevi Railway Station
Churni Road	-	Girgaon Railway Station

### **Harbour Railway**

Cotton Green	-	Kalachowki Railway Station
Rey Road	-	Ghodapdev Railway Station
Sandhurst Road	-	Dongri Railway Station

I request the government to deliver justice on this genuine demand of the Mumbaikars at the earliest.