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title: Need to augment railway facilities in Dhule Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra.

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE (DHULE): Dhule is a neglected station since independence. The population has increased substantially and there are various commercial and agricultural development in the area since a long time. There are demands to have a direct train from Dhule to Mumbai but it was not possible due to lack of maintenance facilities. Further, Following railway facilities need to be augmented:-

- (1) One 24-coach platform (approx. cost Rs.5 Crore) at Dhule along with one stabling line (approx.cost Rs. 2 Crore).
- (2) One maintenance, pitkine(approx. cost Rs.5 Crore).
- (3) To start a New train from CST to Dhule & back giving adequate stoppages in between.
- (4) Dhule station lacks a number of passenger amenities. It will be better to nominate Dhule as 'Adarsh Station'.
- (5) At present, 4 pairs of passenger train are plying between Chalisgaon and Dhule. Same should be increased to 8 pairs.

People of Dhule have a lot of their relations settled in Gujarat and most of the areas adjoining Dhule have commercial and Agricultural concerns in Gujarat, If Dhule is connected to the existing Jalgaon-Surat rail line, it will further boost traffic and development of the area.