

Sixteenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding Pandharpur-Mumbai train services.

*ADV. SHARADKUMAR MARUTI BANSODE (SOLAPUR) : Hon. Speaker Madam I would like to raise an issue which is very close to your heart also. In my constituency Solapur, there is a pilgrimage centre called Pandharpur and there is a saying that even when there was no life on our earth, Pandharpur was there. This place is like Kashi of Southern India and Hon. Prime Minister mentioned about Pandharpur in his 'Mann ki Baat'. During his Radio speech, he appealed 125 crore people of India to visit this place at least once in a lifetime. After his appeal, people Googled it on internet and they got my telephone number and after that I was literally flooded with calls and emails from everywhere. Everybody enquired about the importance of this place. I told them that this deity is worshipped by common man.

The poor and common people undertake 'Waari' to reach Pandharpur every year and most of the time with empty stomach and without a penny. Just to take 'Darshan of Vithoba', they walk hundreds of kilometers. What they have with them is only unity and belongingness to 'Vithu Raya'.

When people asked me how to get there, I felt ashamed. Because there are only three trains in a week on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. I wonder whether it is a Holiday Package to visit Pandharpur? Our Prime Minister is appealing 125 crore people to visit Pandharpur but how can they reach there? Hence, I would like to request you to kindly start daily trains to Pandharpur. Madam Speaker, I know that you also worship 'Pandurang' and if you take initiative and instruct to start daily trains for Pandharpur, I am sure, He will definitely shower His blessings on you. Jai Jai Pandurang Hari. Thank you. Madam.

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कुँवर पुष्पेन्द्र सिंह चन्देल को एडवोकेट शरदकुमार मारुति बनसोडे द्वारा उठाये गये विषय से संबद्ध करने की अनुमति प्रदान की जाती है।