

MUMBAI AC LOCAL SERVICES : Update on Operations and Capacity Augmentation by Union Minister of Railways, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

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To cater the needs of commuters, as on 01-02-2026, total 3,230 EMU local services (including AC services) are operated by Western Railway and Central Railway. Western Railway operates 1410 services which include 121 Air Conditioned services. Central Railway operates 1820 services (including 94 AC EMUs) of which 614 services (including 14 AC EMUs) are operated on the Harbour line.

Ridership and Fare:

The percentage increase in the number of passengers who travelled by AC-EMU trains in the suburban section of Central and Western Railway in 2024-25 is 30.44% w.r.t. 2023-24.

Single journey basic fare of AC ordinary services running on suburban sections have already been decreased substantially by around 50% w.e.f. 05.05.2022.

Capacity Augmentation works for Mumbai Sub-urban area:

Presently, about 120 originating Mail/Express trains and about 3200 sub urban trains are handled daily in the Mumbai area. To increase capacity and improve safety, several steps have been taken by Indian Railways as under:

To increase train handling capacity at various stations in Mumbai area, following works have been completed/taken up/planned at various stations:

SN	Location	Details
1	Bandra Terminus	3 Pit Lines have been completed
2	Mumbai Central	Platform extension for 24 LHB coaches
3	Jogeshwari	2 additional Platforms
4	Dadar	1 additional platform
5	Vasai road	6 Platforms, 3 pit lines and 5 stabling lines
6	Panvel-Kalamboli	5 platforms, 4 pit lines and 2 sick lines

7	Kalyan	6 platforms and 4 pit lines
8	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	4 platforms and 2 pit lines
9	Parel	6 platforms, 5 pit lines, 6 stabling lines
10	Virar	25 stabling lines
11	Dahanu road	11 stabling lines
12	Mira road	25 stabling lines

In addition to above, Platform extension work at 34 stations to accommodate 15 car EMUs have been taken up.

To improve the capacity of rail network in the Mumbai suburban area, Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)-II costing ₹8,087 crore, MUTP-III costing ₹10,947 crore and MUTP-IIIA costing ₹33,690 crore have been sanctioned. These projects include following works in Mumbai Suburban Area:

SN	Name of Project	Cost (in Cr.)
1	CSMT-Kurla 5 th & 6 th line (MUTP-II) (17.5 km)	891
2	Mumbai Central-Borivali 6 th line (MUTP-II) (30 km)	919
3	Extension of Harbour line from Goregaon-Borivali (MUTP-IIIA) (7 km)	826
4	Borivali-Virar 5 th & 6 th line (MUTP-IIIA) (26 km)	2,184
5	Virar-Dahanu Road 3 rd & 4 th line (MUTP-III) (64 km)	3,587
6	Panvel-Karjat Suburban Corridor (MUTP-III) (29.6 km)	2,782
7	Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) Suburban Corridor link (MUTP-III) (3.3 km)	476
8	Kalyan-Asangaon 4 th line (MUTP-IIIA) (32 km)	1,759
9	Kalyan-Badlapur 3 rd & 4 th line (MUTP-IIIA) (14 km)	1,510
10	Kalyan-Kasara 3 rd line (67 km)	793
11	Naigaon-Juichandra double chord line (6 km)	176
12	Nilaje-Kopar double chord line (5 km)	338
13	Kalyan Yard remodeling work	866

14	3 rd and 4 th line Badlapur - Karjat (32.5 km)	1324
15	4 th line Asangaon - Kasara (35 km)	794

To enhance passenger carrying capacity, 238 rakes of 12 cars each with doors have been sanctioned under MUDP-III & IIIA at a cost of ₹19,293 crore. The process for procurement of these rakes has been taken up. Besides, operation of AC EMU service is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification etc.

In preparation of the upcoming monsoon, Zonal Railways take proactive measures to ensure the safety and comfort of passengers. In addition to routine drives, pre-monsoon drives are also launched wherein special emphasis is given to avoid water ingress in EMU/MEMU coaches.

Accordingly, following measures are taken into consideration.

- Cleaning of drains/culverts to ensure free flow of rain water.
- Joint inspection of points and tracks circuits with special attention to avoid track circuit failures due to water logging.
- Trimming of tree branches hanging near Railway tracks and overhead equipments to avoid obstruction and damage.
- Co-ordination with other agencies to take corrective measures to prevent water logging on tracks and railway premises.
- Ensure timely running of locals and avoid stranding of rakes.

This information was given by the Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting and Electronics & Information Technology, Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha today.

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