

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2833
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

MERGING OF KONKAN RAILWAY WITH INDIAN RAILWAYS

2833. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the reason for delay in merging Konkan Railway with Indian Railways;**
- (b) whether people of the Coastal Karnataka, Kerala and Goa are facing reduced train services due to lack of doubling of railway tracks and if so, the steps taken to conduct a Survey for doubling work of tracks on this sector;**
- (c) the details of the specific reasons for the delay in the operation of Vande Bharat, even though the Railways has agreed to provide the much-awaited Vande Bharat railway service from Mangalore to Mumbai;**
- (d) whether it is a fact that Railway services is limited to the above Coastal region more than any other region and if so the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the comprehensive improvements planned for railway services, including double of tracks in the said region?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e): Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) was established in 1990 with five shareholders, namely, Ministry of Railways, Government of Maharashtra, Government of Goa,

Government of Karnataka and Government of Kerala. The Konkan Railway line extends from Roha in Maharashtra to Thokur in Karnataka which passes through difficult terrain of Western Ghats. The present shareholding structure of KRCL is as under: -

SN	Name of Share holder	Share in %
1	Government of India through Ministry of Railways	66.35
2	Government of Maharashtra	15.11
3	Government of Karnataka	10.30
4	Government of Goa	4.12
5	Government of Kerala	4.12

Merger of KRCL is dependent upon the four State Governments who have shareholding in KRCL.

Presently, Mangaluru – Mumbai sector is being served by 28 pairs of train services while Mangaluru - Madgaon sector is presently being served by 33 pairs of train services as under:

Train serving Mangaluru – Mumbai sector:

SN	Train No. & Train Name
1	12431/12432 Thiruvananthapuram Central – Hazrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express
2	12133/12134 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Mangaluru Junction Express
3	12201/12202 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Thiruvananthapuram North Garib Rath Express

4	12217/12218 Thiruvananthapuram North - Chandigarh Kerala Sampark Kranti Express
5	12223/12224 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Ernakulam Durgam Express
6	12283/12284 Ernakulam – Hazrat Nizamuddin Durgam Express
7	12483/12484 Thiruvananthapuram North – Amritsar Junction Express
8	12617/12618 Ernakulam – Hazrat Nizamuddin Mangala Lakshadweep Express
9	12619/12620 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Mangaluru Central Matsyagandha Express
10	12977/12978 Ernakulam - Ajmer Maru Sagar Express
11	16311/16312 Shri Ganganagar – Thiruvananthapuram North Express
12	16333/16334 Veraval – Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
13	16335/16336 Gandhidham – Nagercoil Express
14	16337/16338 Okha – Ernakulam Express
15	16345/16346 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Thiruvananthapuram Central Netravati Express
16	19259/19260 Thiruvananthapuram North – Bhavnagar (T) Express
17	19577/19578 Jamnagar – Tirunelveli Express
18	20909/20910 Thiruvananthapuram North - Porbandar Express
19	20923/20924 Tirunelveli – Gandhidham Humsafar Express
20	20931/20932 Thiruvananthapuram North – Indore Express
21	22113/22114 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Thiruvananthapuram North Express
22	22149/22150 Ernakulam - Pune Express

23	22475/22476 Hisar – Coimbatore Express
24	22629/22630 Dadar Central - Tirunelveli Express
25	22633/22634 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
26	22653/22654 Thiruvananthapuram Central – Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
27	22655/22656 Ernakulam – Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
28	22659/22660 Thiruvananthapuram North - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express

Train serving Mangaluru - Madgaon sector:

SN	Train No. & Train Name
1	20645/20646 Madgaon – Mangaluru Vande Bharat Express
2	10107/10108 Madgaon – Mangaluru MEMU Express
3	10215/10216 Madgaon – Ernakulam Express
4	11097/11098 Pune – Ernakulam Poorna Express
5	12133/12134 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) – Mangaluru Express
6	12201/12202 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Thiruvananthapuram North Garib Rath Express
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33	56615/56616 Madgaon – Mangaluru Central Passenger

164 Nos. Vande Bharat services are being operated on the Indian Railways network. Of these, on originating/terminating basis, 24 nos. Vande Bharat services are catering to the needs of various stations located in the State of Maharashtra, 22 nos. services in the State of Karnataka, 4 nos. services in the State of Goa and 6 nos. in the state of Kerala, which includes Vande Bharat trains running between Mangaluru-Madgaon and Madgaon-Mumbai station.

Out of the 739 route km of Konkan Railway jurisdiction, doubling of about 55 km between Roha- Veer and Madgaon- Majorda sections has already been completed. To increase the capacity of the balance 685 km route, doubling is required. This requires substantial investment with the contribution from all the shareholding State Government.

The concerned State Governments have been approached by the Ministry of Railways for contributing towards capital expenditure in KRCL as per their share.

In the meanwhile, KRCL has taken up the work of preparation of detailed project report (DPR) for the doubling of identified sections (approx 263 km) to increase the capacity of route.

Further, sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- **Anticipated traffic projections and remunerativeness of the proposed route**
- **First and last mile connectivity provided by the project**
- **Connection of missing links and providing additional route**
- **Augmentation of congested/saturated lines**
- **Demands raised by State Governments/Central Ministries/Public representatives,**
- **Railway's operational requirements**
- **Socio-economic considerations**
- **Overall availability of funds**
