

PARLIAMENT QUESTION: OVERCROWDING AND SAFETY IN MUMBAI SUBURBAN RAIL NETWORK

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The Indian Railways is committed to catering to the needs of commuters in the Mumbai area. Presently, about 120 originating Mail/Express trains and about 3,200 suburban trains are handled daily in the Mumbai area. To increase train-handling capacity at various stations in the Mumbai area, the following works have been completed, taken up, or planned at different station.

S.No.	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	LTT	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

To improve the capacity of rail network in 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:

S.No..	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

To enhance passenger carrying capacity, 238 rakes of 12 cars each with doors have been sanctioned under MUTP-III & IIIA at a cost of ₹19,293 crore. The process for procurement of these rakes has been taken up.

The numbers of fatalities reported in Railways are published state-wise by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) in their publication Accidental Deaths & Suicides in India (ADSI). However, the number of fatalities in Mumbai-Suburban is not published separately. Safety is accorded the highest priority on Indian Railways. As a consequence of various safety measures taken over the years, there has been a steep decline in the number of accidents.

Number of Consequential Train Accidents has reduced as shown in the table below:-

Year	Consequential Accidents
2014-15	135
2025-26 (upto 28.02.2026)	14 (90% lesser)

Another important index showing improvement in safety in train operations is Consequential Accident Index, the details of which are as under:-

Consequential Accident Index: -

Year	Accident Index
2014-15	0.11
2024-25	0.03 (73% lesser)

After extensive and elaborate trials, Kavach Version 4.0 has been successfully commissioned on 1452 Route Kilometres, covering the high density Delhi- Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah routes as below:

S.No.	Section	Progress (Route Km)
(1)	Delhi-Mumbai route:	
i	Junction cabin – Palwal – Mathura – Nagda section	667
ii	Vadodara - Ahmedabad section	96
iii	Vadodara - Virar section	336
(2)	Delhi – Howrah route:	
i	Gaya Sarmatanr section	93
ii	Chota Ambana - Bardhaman - Howrah section	260

Progress of key items of Kavach on High density routes including Delhi– Mumbai & Delhi– Howrah corridors as on 28.02.26 are as under:

S.No	Item	Progress
i	Laying of Optical Fibre Cable	8570 Km
ii	Installation of Telecom Towers	1100 nos
iii	Station Data Centre	767 Station
iv	Installation of Track side equipment	6776 Rkm
v	Provision of Kavach in Loco	4154 nos

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

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