

# Parliament question: Capacity Enhancement Measures on Konkan Railway; Roha–Madgaon Section Operating at 145% Capacity

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## Konkan Railway and Capacity Utilisation

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.

The average line capacity utilisation of the Roha–Madgaon section of the Konkan Railway route is about 145 per cent. On Indian Railways, demand pattern is not uniform throughout the year and varies during lean and peak periods. During peak rush periods, occupancy of trains, especially on popular routes, remains full, whereas during lean periods and on less popular routes, there is sub-optimal utilisation.

## Infrastructure Augmentation

To increase the line capacity of the Konkan Railway route, 08 crossing stations viz. Sape–Wamane, Kalambani, Kadvai, Veravali, Kharepatan, Achirne, Indapur and Goregaon Road, and 12 additional loop lines at Vinhere, Anjani, Savarda, Adavali, Rajapur Road, Vaibhavwadi Road, Kankavali, Sawantwadi Road (2), Karanjadi, Madgaon and Chiplun have been constructed over the Konkan Railway route between Roha and Madgaon during the last ten years.

Out of the 739 route kilometres under Konkan Railway jurisdiction, doubling of about 55 km between Roha–Veer and Madgaon–Majorda sections has already been completed. The work of preparation of a feasibility survey for doubling of identified sections covering 263 km to increase the route capacity has also been sanctioned.

## Train Services

Presently, 57 pairs of Mail, Express and Passenger trains are operating over the Konkan Railway. Most of the Mail and Express trains are running with full load.

The trains operating over the Konkan Railway are as follows:

| SN | Train No. & Train Name |
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| 1  | 10103/10104 Mandovi Express                                                 |
| 2  | 10105/10106 Diva – Sawantwadi Express                                       |
| 3  | 10107/10108 Madgaon – Mangaluru MEMU Express                                |
| 4  | 10109/10110 Madgaon – Karwar Express                                        |
| 5  | 10115/10116 Bandra (T) – Madgaon Express                                    |
| 6  | 10215/10216 Madgaon – Ernakulam SF Express                                  |
| 7  | 11003/11004 Tutari Express                                                  |
| 8  | 11097/11098 Poorna Express                                                  |
| 9  | 11099/11100 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Madgaon Express                            |
| 10 | 11203/11204 Nagpur – Madgaon Express                                        |
| 11 | 12051/12052 Jan Shatabdi Express                                            |
| 12 | 12133/12134 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) – Mangaluru Jn Express          |
| 13 | 12201/12202 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Kochuveli Garib Rath Express               |
| 14 | 12217/12218 Kerala Sampark Kranti Express                                   |
| 15 | 12223/12224 Ernakulam Jn – Lokmanya Tilak (T) Durgam Express                |
| 16 | 12283/12284 Hazrat Nizamuddin – Ernakulam Jn Durgam Express                 |
| 17 | 12431/12432 Thiruvananthapuram Central – Hazrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express |
| 18 | 12449/12450 Goa Sampark Kranti Express                                      |
| 19 | 12483/12484 Kochuveli – Amritsar SF Express                                 |
| 20 | 12617/12618 Mangala Lakshadweep Express                                     |
| 21 | 12619/12620 Matsyagandha Express                                            |
| 22 | 12741/12742 Vasco de Gama – Patna SF Express                                |

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| 23 | 12789/12790 Kacheguda – Kumta SFExpress                              |
| 24 | 12977/12978 Marusagar SF Express                                     |
| 25 | 16311/16312 Shri Ganganagar – Thiruvananthapuram North Express       |
| 26 | <div></div> 16333/16334 Veraval – Thiruvananthapuram Central Express |
| 27 | 16335/16336 Gandhidham – Nagercoil Express                           |
| 28 | 16337/16338 Okha – Ernakulam Express                                 |
| 29 | 16345/16346 Netravati Express                                        |
| 30 | 16515/16516 Karwar – Yesvantpur Express                              |
| 31 | 16585/16586 SMVT Bengaluru – MurdeshwarExpress                       |
| 32 | 16595/16596 Panchaganga SF Express                                   |
| 33 | 19057/19058 Surat – Mangaluru Jn Express                             |
| 34 | 19259/19260 Bhavnagar (T) – Thiruvananthapuram North Express         |
| 35 | 19577/19578 Tirunelveli – Jamnagar Express                           |
| 36 | 20111/20112 Konkankanya Express                                      |
| 37 | 20645/20646 Madgaon – Mangaluru Central Vande Bharat                 |
| 38 | 20909/20910 Thiruvananthapuram North – Porbandar SF Express          |
| 39 | 20923/20924 Gandhidham – Tirunelveli Humsafar Express                |
| 40 | 20931/20932 Thiruvananthapuram North- Indore SF Express              |
| 41 | 22113/22114 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Thiruvananthapuram North SF Express |
| 42 | 22115/22116 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Karmali SF Express                  |
| 43 | 22119/22120 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) – Madgaon Tejas Express  |

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| 44 | 22149/22150 Ernakulam – Pune SF Express                                    |
| 45 | 22229/22230 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) – Madgaon Vande Bharat Express |
| 46 | 22413/22414 Madgaon – Hazrat Nizamuddin Rajdhani Express                   |
| 47 | 22475/22476 Hisar – Coimbatore SF Express                                  |
| 48 | 22629/22630 Lokmanya Tilak (T) – Tirunelveli SF Express                    |
| 49 | 22633/22634 Thiruvananthapuram Central – Hazrat Nizamuddin SF Express      |
| 50 | 22653/22654 Thiruvananthapuram Central – Hazrat Nizamuddin SF Express      |
| 51 | 22655/22656 Ernakulam – Hazrat Nizamuddin SF Express                       |
| 52 | 22659/22660 Thiruvananthapuram North – Yog Nagari Rishikesh SF Express     |
| 53 | 22907/22908 Madgaon – Hapa SF Express                                      |
| 54 | 50103/50104 Diva – Ratnagiri Passenger                                     |
| 55 | 50107/50108 Sawantwadi – Madgaon Passenger                                 |
| 56 | 70101/70102 Madgaon – Karwar Passenger (MEMU)                              |
| 57 | 56615/56616 Madgaon – Mangaluru Passenger                                  |

### Special Trains

In addition, during various festivals, summer vacation and long weekends, 381 Ganpati Specials, 249 Summer Specials, 148 Winter Specials and 1,366 other Special trains were operated during 2025–26 to clear the extra rush of passengers on the Konkan Railway.

### Non-AC Coaches

Indian Railways continuously monitors passenger demand and makes consistent efforts to cater to the needs of travelling passengers by introducing new trains, extending services, increasing frequencies and augmenting the load of existing trains on both temporary and permanent basis.

To meet the demand for unreserved travel, 1,250 General Class coaches were utilised in various long-distance trains during 2024–25 to ensure at least four General Class coaches. During 2025–26, about 870 coaches, including 160 General Class coaches, were utilised for permanent augmentation. This includes trains operating on the Konkan Railway route.

Indian Railways has also taken up the manufacture of 17,000 non-AC coaches (General/Sleeper) to cater to the travel demand of low and middle-income families.

At present, around 70 per cent of coaches and 78 per cent of passenger seats on Indian Railways are non-AC. The details are as under:

Table 1: Distribution of Coaches:

| Type of Coaches                      | No. of Coaches | Percentage |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|------------|
| Non-AC coaches (general and sleeper) | ~62,000        | ~70%       |
| AC coaches                           | ~27,000        | ~30%       |
| Total coaches                        | ~89,000        | 100%       |

Table 2: Distribution of Seats:

| Type of Seats | Number of Seats | Percentage |
|---------------|-----------------|------------|
| Non-AC Seats  | ~54 lakhs       | ~78%       |
| AC Seats      | ~15 lakhs       | ~22%       |
| Total Seats   | ~69 lakhs       | 100%       |

**Passenger Demand**

The waiting list pattern is monitored regularly. To cater to additional demand, Indian Railways takes measures such as running special trains, introducing new trains, increasing frequencies, extending existing services and augmenting train composition, subject to operational feasibility. Waiting list limits have also been rationalised by linking them to the accommodation available in each class of a train.

The Government further informed that proposals, requests and suggestions received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organisations and rail users regarding augmentation of train services are examined on a continuous basis, and action is taken from time to time wherever found feasible and justified.

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

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