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RDSO STAFF DEPLOYMENT FOR LOCAL TRAIN SERVICES IN MUMBAI DIVISION

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether local train services between Kalyan–Nashik Road and Kalyan–Pune have been sanctioned but are delayed due to pending feasibility tests;
- (b) if so, whether the absence of Research Design and Standard Organization (RDSO) staff is the primary reason for the delay;
- (c) whether stabling issues at Kalyan have led to Nashik Road being considered as an alternative; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure RDSO staff attendance for timely implementation of these services?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) The width of the local trains in Mumbai area is more than other passenger trains. There are dimensional limitations in tunnels on Kasara-Igatpuri ghat section and Karjat-Lonavala section due to which, operation of EMU local trains is not possible in these sections at present.

There is no role of Research Designs & Standards Organization (RDSO) on this issue.

However, Kalyan-Kasara-Nasik Road sector is presently served by 132 Mail/Express services, while Kalyan-Karjat-Pune sector is served by 120 Mail/Express services. Further, Kalyan-Kasara sector is also served by 36 Sub-urban services, while Kalyan-Karjat sector is served by 70 Suburban services.

Besides, introduction of new train services, including sub-urban services, is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.

Presently, Kalyan-Nashik Road section (134 km) is a double line section except Kasara-Igatpuri which is 3 line section. Work of 3rd line between Kalyan-Kasara (67 Km) has been taken up. Further, Survey for 4th line between Kasara- Asangaon (35 Km) and multitracking of Kasara- Nashik Road Manmad (131 Km) has been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed project Report (DPR).

Similarly, of the 137 Km route length of Kalyan-Pune section, 27 Km is 3 line section and balance 110 Km is double line rail section. Surveys for construction of 3rd & 4th line between Badlapur-Karjat (32 Km) and 4th & 5th line between Karjat-Lonavala (27 Km) and Lonavala-Pune (64 Km) have been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed project Report (DPR).