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INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAINS TO IMPROVE REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has announced new trains to improve regional connectivity across different States;
- (b) if so, the number of new trains introduced in the last one year, and number of trains that pass through the State of Maharashtra especially Pune City;
- (c) whether there is any plan to increase the daily train services between cities such as Pune, Nashik, and Aurangabad; and
- (d) if so, the current status of such proposals and the likely timeline for their implementation?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d) Indian Railways (IR) constantly endeavours to provide and improve connectivity between stations by introducing new train services. However, as the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, these train services are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries.

To cater to the needs of passengers, IR, during 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 (upto June,2025) have introduced 182 train services of which the following **20** train services, on originating/Terminating basis, are catering to the needs of stations located in the State of Maharashtra:

1. 20669/20670 Hubballi - Pune Vande Bharat Express
2. 20673/20674 Kolhapur - Pune Vande Bharat Express
3. 22311/22312 Godda- Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
4. 20101/20102 Nagpur - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
5. 22543/22544 Bandra (T)-Lalkuan Express

6. 22357/22358 Gaya - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
7. 11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express
8. 20495/20496 Jodhpur - Hadapsar Express
9. 21903/21904 Bikaner- Bandra (T) Express
10. 14621/14622 Hazur Sahib Nanded - Firozpur Express

Besides, it has also been decided to introduce a new train between Pune and Rewa [with commercial stoppages inter *alia* at Gondia, Nagpur, Wardha, Akola, Bhusaval, Manmad, Kopargaon, Ahmednagar, Daund] and to extend 20705/20706 Chattrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Jalna Vande Bharat Express (six days a week) upto Hazur Sahib Nanded.

Further, Pune, Nasik and Aurangabad are presently being served by 291, 155 and 62 train services respectively.

Moreover, introduction of new train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
