

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3530
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

MUMBAI'S CONGESTED RAILWAY NETWORK

3530. DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware about the huge congestion, line crack and mechanical failure in the Mumbai Suburban Railways;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the measure being contemplated by the Government to decongest these lines;**
- (d) whether proposals of executing two new major lines to decongest the rail network of Mumbai on cost sharing basis with the Government of Maharashtra are under consideration of the Government;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the time by when these proposals will be approved to provide relief to Mumbai Railway commuters?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3530 BY DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2018 REGARDING MUMBAI'S CONGESTED RAILWAY NETWORK

(a) & (b) Yes, Madam. Mumbai Suburban Railway network caters to approximately 8.0 million commuters every day resulting in overcrowding. A total of 18 line crack cases (Rail fracture/Weld failure) and 127 Mechanical failures (C&W/Diesel loco failure) were reported by the Central Railway in Mumbai suburban area for the period April to July 2018. As regards, Western Railway Rail fractures were nil and Unit failure in 2017-18 were 40 cases and in 2018-19 till date – 42 cases were reported.

Counter measures against line crack and mechanical failures are taken round the clock with a view to cause no hardship to the commuters and related Rail/Road traffic.

(c) The measures being contemplated by the Railways to decongest these lines in Mumbai are as under:

(i) Provision of 4 aspect signals in place of 3 Aspect signals in Churchgate-Borivali section has been completed.

(ii) Extension of suburban platform for running of 15 car EMU trains on slow corridor of Andheri-Virar section is sanctioned in Preliminary Works Programme 2017-18 on Out Of Turn basis.

(iii) Extension of Harbour Line from Andheri to Goregaon, executed by MRVC- Completed.

Following further steps have been contemplated by the railways to reduce overcrowding on Mumbai Suburban:

- Additional 5th & 6th lines between Kurla-Thane on Central Railway.**
- 3rd & 4th lines between Borivali-Virar on Western Railway.**
- 5th Line between Santacruz-Borivali on Western Railway.**
- Procurement of 909 new EMU coaches and inducted in the system.**

- **6th Line between Mumbai Central-Borivali being executed by Western Railway.**
- **5th and 6th line Thane-Diva Central Railway being executed by MRVC.**
- **5th and 6th Lines between CSTM-Kurla being executed by Central Railway.**

(d) & (e) New lines which are proposed under MUTP 3A on cost sharing basis are as follows:-

(i) Western Line (Projects under Sanction) –

- **New Suburban corridor between Panvel-Virar.**
- **Extension of Harbour Line between Goregaon to Borivali.**
- **5th & 6th Line between Borivali to Virar.**

(ii) Central Line (Projects under Sanction) –

- **Fast elevated corridor between CSMT-Panvel.**
- **4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon.**
- **3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur.**
Kalyan Yard-Segregation of long distance and suburban traffic.

(f) Detailed plan for execution and targets dates will be finalized only after approval of Niti Aayog and Cabinet Committee. Hence, time frame cannot be given.
