

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 213
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

MAINTENANCE OF NEW PIT LINES

***213. SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the new pit line at Rajkot is capable of handling primary and secondary maintenances including Rajdhani, Vande Bharat and Gatiman like trains and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government is likely to consider the pending requests for extending trains upto Rajkot after these terminate at Ahmedabad and remain idle for more than fifteen hours in the yard;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor and the time likely to be taken for its extension?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 213 BY SHRI MOHANBHAI KALYANJI KUNDARIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING MAINTENANCE OF NEW PIT LINES

(a) : The new pit line at Rajkot is capable of primary and secondary maintenance of Rajdhani and Gatiman types of trains.

For Vande Bharat trains all Zonal Railways have been advised to develop/upgrade existing maintenance infrastructure.

Up-gradation/Development at Rajkot to maintain Vande Bharat Trains will also be planned as per operational requirement.

(b) to (d): Extension of train services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways which is dependent on operational feasibility, commercial justification, availability of resources etc. The recent completion of doubling work on the Ahmedabad-Rajkot section has eased out the severe line capacity constraints of the said section and this would facilitate extension of train services upto Rajkot.
