

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 651  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

**STOPPAGE OF JODHPUR EXPRESS AT  
KARAD RAILWAY STATION**

**651. SHRI SHRINIWAS PATIL:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether proposals have been received for stoppage of various trains on Pune-Miraj Railway line, if so, the details thereof along with the action taken by the Government;**
- (b) whether the proposal for stoppage to be provided in Karad Railway Station to the Jodhpur Express (16533/16534) is under consideration, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reintroduce Sahyadri Express, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government is likely to start Vande Bharat Express between Kolhapur to Mumbai, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) whether the Government has received any request for providing halt to the said Vande Bharat Express at Karad Railway Station, if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) and (b) Requests, including from Hon'ble Member of Parliament, have been received for provision of stoppage of 11049/50 Ahmedabad-Kolhapur Express at Karad. At present, 18 pairs of trains are serving Karad station including 04 pairs connecting it to Ahmedabad and 06**

**pairs connecting it to Kolhapur. Besides, provision of stoppages is an on-going process on Indian Railways(IR).**

**(c) IR have undertaken rationalization of the time table in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. The exercise has been undertaken *inter alia* to provide for better passenger safety by creating maintenance corridor blocks, generation of additional paths and minimizing conflicts in existing time table to improve punctuality. The exercise necessitated rationalisation of train services including the discontinuation services of Sahyadri Express. However, to cater the needs of passengers of Pune-Kolhapur sector, 01023/24 Pune-Kolhapur Special is being operated w.e.f. 05.11.2023.**

**(d) and (e) Presently, 03 pairs of train services are serving the Kolhapur-Mumbai sector. Introduction of new Vande Bharat train services and their stoppages are ongoing processes on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.**

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