

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 640
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.12.2021**

CRITERIA FOR LOCAL TRAINS

640. SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of definition of local railway in urban areas like Mumbai and the criteria of distance and time to travel required for such trains to be considered as a local train;**
- (b) whether the local train from Churchgate to Dahanu or Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus to Kasara can be treated as local train which consumes nearly a travel time of two and half to three hours;**
- (c) if so, whether there is a demand for toilet facility for the ladies compartment for such a long distance local train and the remedial action taken by Railways in this regard; and**
- (d) whether the Ministry had assured for an Elevated train on CSTM to Panvel on harbour line and if so, the present status of this project?**

ANSWER

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

(a): Ministry of Railway's consideration for notification as sub-urban routes like Mumbai etc. is based on the pattern of traffic, availability of rail infrastructure and the notification issued by State Governments from time to time identifying areas as suburban in their master plan etc. As on date, the current list of areas already notified as sub-urban includes Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata and Secunderabad.

(b): Yes, Sir. As on date Churchgate to Dahanu & Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus to Kasara are part of notified suburban sections.

(c): Local trains are supposed to be covered for short distance in suburban area. In such area toilets of ladies or/and gents have been provided in several stations. Passengers are supposed to avail facility of toilets at stations.

(d): No, Sir. The work of Fast elevated corridor between CSMT-Panvel alongwith other suburban corridors was proposed under MUDP 3A Project. Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) while conveying its approval in March 2019, has dropped the work of CSMT-Panvel Corridor under MUDP 3A Project.
