

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3738
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

DOUBLING THE EXISTING LINES IN KONKAN RAILWAY

3738. SHRI KOTA SRINIVASA POOJARY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to double the existing lines in the Konkan Railway or implement a patch doubling of the line as per the proposal submitted by Konkan Railway, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has any plans to introduce a Vande Bharat Sleeper train between Udupi/Mangalore and Mumbai; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): There are five shareholders in Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), namely, Ministry of Railways, Government of Maharashtra, Government of Karnataka, Government of Goa and Government of Kerala. KRCL is registered under Companies Act since 1990.

The infrastructure of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) has become more than 25 years old, requiring major renewal/replacement of capital assets to ensure safety of traffic. To enhance the line capacity, doubling of the KRCL line is also required.

Part doubling of Roha-Veer section (46.89 kms) in the Ratnagiri region of Konkan Railway has already been completed and commissioned in 2021. However, the doubling of the remaining stretch of approximately 700 km requires substantial investment with contribution from all the shareholding State Governments.

Recently, Ministry of Railways has approached State Governments to meet the immediate requirement of funds towards redemption of bonds and rehabilitation of two tunnels to ensure safe operations by contributing in proportion to their share. The financial contribution/cooperation of State Governments is essential for such a major investment proposal.

At present, Mangaluru- Udupi- Mumbai sector is served by 28 pairs of train services. Vande Bharat trains are already operating between Mangalore/Udupi- Madgaon and Madgaon-Mumbai route. The introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat's variants, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources, etc.
