

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION No. 253
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025**

**UPGRADATION OF RAILWAY INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SINHASTHA
KUMBH MELA, 2027**

***253. SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to upgrade the major railway infrastructure as Nashik (NK) will organise the Sinhastha Kumbh Mela in 2027;**
- (b) whether any specific budget allocation/project plans have been made/prepared for Nashik and nearby railway stations to handle the anticipated pilgrim rush and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of projects planned for station upgrades, additional platforms, foot over bridges, and passenger amenities at Nashik and nearby stations; and**
- (d) whether the government will ensure that Nashik gets enhanced connectivity and related infrastructure whereby trains can originate and terminate at NK or DVL stations and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING 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 LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 253 TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.08.2025.

(a) to (d): For successfully organising Simhastha Kumbh Mela, 2027 scheduled to be held in Nashik, following developmental works are planned at Nashik and nearby stations:

SN	Station	Works planned
1	Nashik Road	Station building on the east side 12 m wide roof plaza, 6 m wide foot over bridge Development of Goods shed area for Parking/Holding/Waiting areas Provision of 2 stabling lines, Yard remodeling works Mela tower control center, toilets, Provision of RCC overhead tank, underground tank, Platform upgradation, improvement to circulating area.
2	Devlali	2 Additional platforms with all amenities 2 foot over bridges Extension of loop lines. Provision of 2 pit lines, 2 sick lines & 3 stabling lines. Additional platform shelters, improvement of circulating area, parking area, toilets, provision of lifts, standard signages, entrance gate, entrance porch, boundary wall and improved lighting, new RCC overhead tank, underground tank toilets.

3	Odha	2 nos. 6m wide foot over bridge, toilets, provision of platform shelters, provision of RCC over head tank, underground tank. Additional loop lines, 5 stabling lines, 2 long loop lines.
4	Kherwadi	Extension of existing Platforms to full length Platforms. 2 new full-length platforms. 2 nos. 6m wide foot over bridge, toilets, provision of 2 nos. new high-level platforms, extension and raising of platform to high level, provision of RCC overhead tank, underground tank.
5	Kasbe-Sukene	Extension of existing platform to full length platform. 2 nos. 6 m wide foot over bridge, toilets, extension of existing platform, provision of platform shelters, provision of RCC overhead tank, underground tank.

To increase the capacity of the railway network to Nashik area, the following works have been taken up so that more trains can be operated during Simhastha Kumbh:

SN	Name of work
1	Manmad- Jalgaon Automatic Signalling (160 km)
2	Manmad- Jalgaon 3rd Line (160 km) and Manmad yard remodeling
3	Rail over Rail Flyover at Manmad (11 km)
4	Bhusawal Yard Remodeling
5	Bhusawal-Badnera- Wardha- Nagpur Automatic Signalling (393 km)
6	Nardana- Dhule New Line (51 km)

7	Kalyan- Asangaon 3rd & 4th Line (32 km)
8	Asangaon- Kasara 3rd Line (35 km)
9	Jalgaon- Manmad 4th Line (160 km)
10	Puntamba – Sainagar Shirdi Doubling (17 km)
11	Daund- Manmad doubling (247 km)
12	Pune Coaching Terminus Expansion
13	Hadapsar & Khadki Satellite Terminal
14	Shirdi Coaching Yard Remodeling

Further, to improve the Rail connectivity to Nashik, following surveys have been sanctioned to prepare the Detailed Project Report (DPR):-

- 1. Nashik – Shirdi New Line (95 km)**
- 2. Nashik –Trimbkeshwar-Dahanu Road New Line (100 km)**
- 3. Kasara – Asangaon 4th Line (35 km)**
- 4. Manmad- Asangaon 3rd & 4th Line (131 km)**
- 5. Bhusawal- Wardha 3rd & 4th Line (314 km)**

To improve the mobility of road users, 18 Nos. ROBs/RUBs are sanctioned at the cost of Rs. 393 Crore in Nashik district, which are at various stages of planning and execution.

At present, Nasik Road is served by 138 train services while Devlali is served by 14 train services. These are providing connectivity to major cities like Mumbai, Delhi, Secunderabad, Patna, Kolkata etc.

Further, 17 special trains are also being operated which are catering to the needs of passengers of Nasik Road. In addition, short distance and long distance special trains are also planned during Simhastha Kumbha.