

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1833
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025**

PASSENGER TRAIN CONNECTING BALLARI JUNCTION

1833. SHRI E TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of the long pending demand for improving passenger train connectivity to Ballari Junction and if so, the details of the existing plans/proposals to strengthen rail connectivity for the region;
- (b) the details of the requests and the action taken on demands for daily trains to Chennai-Ballari-Hospet-Mumbai and extension of the Mumbai-Gadag and Solapur-Gadag trains upto Ballari/Hospet; and
- (c) whether the Government plans to start new express or Vande Bharat trains on the Hospet-Ballari-Bengaluru route and if so, the details thereof and the details of the roadmap to improve rail connectivity for Ballari district which is a mining hub and contributes major freight revenue to Indian Railways and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) Introduction of new trains including Vande Bharat train services on any route/section depends on various factors which include:

- **Capacity of that section**
- **Availability of path**
- **Availability of required rolling stock**
- **Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock**
- **Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets**

Accordingly, Ballari station is presently being served by 30 Mail/Express and 12 Passenger train services. These services are providing connectivity *inter alia* to cities like Chennai (by 1 pair), Hosapete (by 16 pairs), Mumbai (by 3 pairs), Gadag (by 14 pairs) and Solapur (by 2 pairs).

Similarly, Hosapete – Ballari – Bengaluru sector is served by 7 pairs of train services.

Proposals/ requests/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for introduction/extension of trains are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/ requests/ suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an ongoing process.
