

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2977
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.12.2025**

BALLARPUR/PUNE/MUMBAI TRAIN CONNECTIVITY

†2977. SMT. DHANORKAR PRATIBHA SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that the frequency of daily direct trains from Ballarpur to Pune and Mumbai is extremely inadequate causing a lot of inconvenience to students and passengers from the industrial sector and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the current physical progress of the construction of the proposed new coaching depot in Chandrapur along with the timeline set for its completion;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to introduce alternate/weekly Ballarpur-Pune/Mumbai special trains to alleviate the immediate inconvenience to passengers until the new coaching depot is completed and the start of daily trains becomes possible and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) if not, the details of the proposed alternative arrangements made by the Government to provide relief to passengers on this important route and to address the lack of connectivity?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (d) Presently, Balharshah(which serves Ballarpur town) is connected to Mumbai by 02 pairs of train services including the daily**

service of 11001/11002 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T)-Balharshah Express and 22109/22110 Lokmanya Tilak(T) - Balharshah Express(Weekly) introduced w.e.f 12-03-2024.

Further, Balharshah-Pune sector is served by 22151/22152 Pune - Kazipet Express.

Besides, introduction of new train services on any route/section, which is an on-going process, 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**

At present, Coaching Depot with one pit line is available in Ballarshah near Chandrapur.
