

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1904
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

MUMBAI AC LOCAL SERVICES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of AC local services currently running on the Western, Central and Harbour lines of the Mumbai suburban network as on January 2026;**
- (b) the percentage growth in daily ridership of AC locals during the last two years and the revenue contributed by this segment;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering any further rationalisation of single-journey ticket fares to migrating more commuters from road to rail and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the status of the proposal to introduce 'semi-AC' rakes with a mix of air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned coaches to suit diverse commuter needs; and**
- (e) the measures taken/being taken by the Government to improve the reliability and punctuality of AC local services during the monsoon season in the MMR region?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) To cater the needs of commuters, as on 01-02-2026, total 3,230 EMU local services (including AC services) are operated by Western Railway and Central Railway. Western Railway operates 1410 services which include 121 Air Conditioned services. Central Railway operates

1820 services (including 94 AC EMUs) of which 614 services (including 14 AC EMUs) are operated on the Harbour line.

Ridership and Fare:

The percentage increase in the number of passengers who travelled by AC-EMU trains in the suburban section of Central and Western Railway in 2024-25 is 30.44% w.r.t. 2023-24.

Single journey basic fare of AC ordinary services running on suburban sections have already been decreased substantially by around 50% w.e.f. 05.05.2022.

Capacity Augmentation works for Mumbai Sub-urban area:

Presently, about 120 originating Mail/Express trains and about 3200 sub urban trains are handled daily in Mumbai area. To increase capacity and improve safety, several steps have been taken by Indian Railways as under:

To increase train handling capacity at various stations in Mumbai area, following works have been completed/taken up/planned at various stations:

SN	Location	Details
1	Bandra Terminus	3 Pit Lines have been completed
2	Mumbai Central	Platform extension for 24 LHB coaches
3	Jogeshwari	2 additional Platforms
4	Dadar	1 additional platform
5	Vasai road	6 Platforms, 3 pit lines and 5 stabling lines
6	Panvel-Kalamboli	5 platforms, 4 pit lines and 2 sick lines
7	Kalyan	6 platforms and 4 pit lines
8	Lokmanya Tilak (T)	4 platforms and 2 pit lines
9	Parel	6 platforms, 5 pit lines, 6 stabling lines

10	Virar	25 stabling lines
11	Dahanu road	11 stabling lines
12	Mira road	25 stabling lines

In addition to above, Platform extension work at 34 stations to accommodate 15 car EMUs have been taken up.

To improve the capacity of rail network in Mumbai suburban area, Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)-II costing ₹8,087 crore, MUTP-III costing ₹10,947 crore and MUTP-IIIA costing ₹33,690 crore have been sanctioned.

These projects include following works in Mumbai Suburban Area:

SN	Name of Project	Cost (in Cr.)
1	CSMT-Kurla 5th & 6th line (MUTP-II) (17.5 km)	891
2	Mumbai Central-Borivali 6th line (MUTP-II) (30 km)	919
3	Extension of Harbour line from Goregaon-Borivali (MUTP-IIIA) (7 km)	826
4	Borivali-Virar 5th & 6th line (MUTP-IIIA) (26 km)	2,184
5	Virar-Dahanu Road 3rd & 4th line (MUTP-III) (64 km)	3,587
6	Panvel-Karjat Suburban Corridor (MUTP-III) (29.6 km)	2,782
7	Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) Suburban Corridor link (MUTP-III) (3.3 km)	476
8	Kalyan-Asangaon 4th line (MUTP-IIIA) (32 km)	1,759
9	Kalyan-Badlapur 3rd & 4th line (MUTP-IIIA) (14 km)	1,510
10	Kalyan-Kasara 3rd line (67 km)	793
11	Naigaon-Juichandra double chord line (6 km)	176
12	Nilaje-Kopar double chord line (5 km)	338
13	Kalyan Yard remodeling work	866
14	3rd and 4th line Badlapur - Karjat (32.5 km)	1324
15	4th line Asangaon - Kasara (35 km)	794

To enhance passenger carrying capacity, 238 rakes of 12 cars each with doors have been sanctioned under MUTP-III & IIIA at a cost of ₹19,293 crore. The process for procurement of these rakes has been taken up. Besides, operation of AC EMU service is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification etc.

In preparation of the upcoming monsoon, Zonal Railways take proactive measures to ensure the safety and comfort of passengers. In addition to routine drives, pre-monsoon drives are also launched wherein special emphasis is given to avoid water ingress in EMU/MEMU coaches.

Accordingly, following measures are taken into consideration.

- **Cleaning of drains/culverts to ensure free flow of rain water.**
- **Joint inspection of points and tracks circuits with special attention to avoid track circuit failures due to water logging.**
- **Trimming of tree branches hanging near Railway tracks and overhead equipments to avoid obstruction and damage.**
- **Co-ordination with other agencies to take corrective measures to prevent water logging on tracks and railway premises.**
- **Ensure timely running of locals and avoid stranding of rakes.**
