

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5311
TO BE ANSWERED ON 25.03.2026**

KOLHAPUR-VAIBHAVWADI RAIL LINE

5311. SHRI SHAHU SHAHAJI CHHATRAPATI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes new train services/rail connectivity for Kolhapur;**
- (b) the details of the status of Kolhapur-Vaibhavwadi rail line; and**
- (c) the timeline by when the said project is likely to be completed?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) At present, SCSM(T) Kolhapur is being served by the following 30 train services providing connectivity *inter alia* to major destinations like Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad, Pune, Nagpur:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	20673 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Pune Vande Bharat Express
2	20674 Pune-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Vande Bharat Express
3	11029 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T)-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Koyna Express
4	11030 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T) Koyna Express
5	11039 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Gondia Maharashtra Express
6	11040 Gondia-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Maharashtra Express
7	11045 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Dhanbad Dikshabhumi Express
8	11046 Dhanbad-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Dikshabhumi Express
9	11049 Ahmedabad-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Express
10	11050 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Ahmedabad Express
11	11403 Nagpur-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Express

12	11404 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Nagpur Express
13	11425 Pune-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Express
14	11426 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Pune Express
15	12147 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
16	12148 Hazrat Nizamuddin-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Express
17	17411 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T)-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Mahalaxmi Express
18	17412 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T) Mahalaxmi Express
19	17415 Tirupati-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Haripriya Express
20	17416 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Tirupati Haripriya Express
21	22155 Kalaburagi-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Express
22	22156 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Kalaburagi Express
23	71423 Satara-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Passenger
24	71424 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Satara Passenger
25	71425 Miraj-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Passenger
26	71426 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Miraj Passenger
27	71427 Miraj-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Passenger
28	71428 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Miraj Passenger
29	71429 Miraj-SCSM(T) Kolhapur Passenger
30	71430 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Sangli Passenger

Besides, introduction of 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

Kolhapur - Vaibhavwadi new line

Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Kolhapur - Vaibhavwadi (now Shri Chhatrapati Shahumaharaj Terminus) (108 km) new line project has been prepared.

After preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR), project requires consultation with various stake-holders including State Governments and necessary approvals viz. appraisal of NITI Aayog, Ministry of Finance etc. As sanctioning of projects is a continuous and dynamic process, exact timelines depend upon appraisals and approvals by various stakeholders.

Completion of Railway project/s depends on various factors which include the following:

- **Land acquisition**
- **Forest clearance**
- **Shifting of infringing utilities**
- **Statutory clearances from various authorities**
- **Geological and topographical conditions of area**
- **Law and order situation in the area of project site**
- **Number of working months in a year for particular project site etc.**

Sanction of any railway project depends upon many parameters/factors which include the following:

- **Anticipated traffic projections and Remunerativeness of the proposed route**
- **First and last mile connectivity provided by the project**
- **Connection of missing links and providing additional route**
- **Augmentation of congested/saturated lines**
- **Demands raised by State Governments / Central Ministries / Public representatives,**
- **Railway's own operational requirements**
- **Socio-economic considerations**
- **Overall availability of funds**
