

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6169
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2026**

MODERNISATION OF RAILWAY STATION

6169. SHRI AASHTIKAR PATIL NAGESH BAPURAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware that passengers in the Hingoli district of Maharashtra are facing difficulties due to limited railway connectivity, inadequate train stoppages and lack of modern passenger facilities at in the regional stations and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether several railway stations in the said district facing lack adequate passengers amenities such as waiting rooms, drinking water facilities, proper sanitation, lighting, digital information systems and accessibility facilities for elderly and differently-abled passengers and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has received representations/proposal from public representatives local organisations and local authorities demanding additional train services, new stoppages and infrastructure upgrades at stations such as Hingoli Deccan and nearby stations;**
- (d) whether any survey, feasibility study/proposal has been undertaken by the Government to improve overall railway connectivity and passenger amenities in the Hingoli Lok Sabha Constituency and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) the details of the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to introduce new train services modernise and improve station infrastructure and enhance passenger facilities the said district along with the expected timeline for their implementation?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (e) Hingoli Deccan is served by 38 train services providing connectivity *inter alia* to Mumbai, Pune, Amritsar, Hyderabad, Bengaluru,

Jaipur. Presently, Hingoli Deccan is connected to Mumbai by the daily service of 12071/12072 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) -Hingoli Deccan Jan Shatabdi Express and to Pune by the bi-weekly service of 11405/06 Pune-Amravati Express. The list of trains serving Hingoli Deccan station is as under:

SN	Train No & Name
1	11403 Nagpur -Kolhapur Express
2	11404 Kolhapur-Nagpur Express
3	11405 Pune-Amravati Express
4	11406 Amravati-Pune Express
5	12071 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) -Hingoli Deccan Express
6	12072 Hingoli Deccan-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Express
7	12421 Nanded-Amritsar Express
8	12422 Amritsar-Nanded Express
9	12439 Nanded-Shri Ganganagar Express
10	12440 Sri Ganganagar-Nanded Express
11	12485 Nanded-Shri Ganganagar Express
12	12486 Sri Ganganagar-Nanded Express
13	12719 Jaipur -Hyderabad Express
14	12720 Hyderabad-Jaipur Express
15	12751 Nanded-Jammu Tawi Express
16	12752 Jammu Tawi -Nanded Express
17	12765 Tirupati-Amravati Express
18	12766 Amravati-Tirupati Express
19	17605 Kacheguda-Bhagat Ki Kothi Express
20	17606 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Kacheguda Express
21	17639 Kacheguda-Akola Express
22	17640 Akola -Kacheguda Express
23	17641 Kacheguda-Narkher Express
24	17642 Narkher-Kacheguda Express
25	17683 Akola -Purna Express
26	17684 Purna -Akola Express
27	19301 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar -Yesvantpur Express
28	19302 Yesvantpur - Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express
29	19713 Jaipur -Kurnool City Express
30	19714 Kurnool City-Jaipur Express
31	22709 Nanded-Amb Andaura Express
32	22710 Amb Andaura-Nanded Express
33	22723 Nanded-Shri Ganganagar Express
34	22724 Shri Ganganagar-Nanded Express
35	57655 Parli Vaijnath-Akola Passenger
36	57656 Akola -Purna Passenger

37	77613 Purna -Akola DMU
38	77614 Akola -Parli Vaijnath DMU

Further, proposals/ requests/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal inter alia for introduction of trains, extension of existing trains, or increase in frequency of trains, Railway projects/works across the country are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Offices 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.

Besides, introduction of new train services is an on-going process, which depends on various factors including-

- **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.**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section**

Amrit Bharat Stations:

Ministry of Railways has launched Amrit Bharat Station Scheme for redevelopment of stations with a long-term approach.

The scheme involves preparation of master plans and their implementation in phases to improve the stations. The master planning includes:

- **Improvement of access to station and circulating areas**
- **Integration of station with both sides of city**
- **Improvement of station building**

- **Improvement of waiting halls, toilets, sitting arrangement, water booths**
- **Provision of wider foot over bridge/air concourse commensurate with passenger traffic**
- **Provision of lift/escalators/ramp**
- **Improvement /Provision of platform surface and cover over platforms**
- **Provision of kiosks for local products through schemes like ‘One Station One Product’**
- **Parking areas, Multimodal integration**
- **Amenities for Divyangjans**
- **Better passenger information systems**
- **Provision of executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping, etc. keeping in view the necessity at each station**

The scheme also envisages sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballastless tracks etc. as per necessity, phasing and feasibility and creation of city centre at the station in the long term.

So far, 1,338 stations have been identified for development under this scheme, out of which 132 stations including Himayatnagar, Hingoli Deccan and Kinwat stations of Hingoli Lok Sabha Constituency are located in Maharashtra. The names of stations identified for development under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Maharashtra are as following:

State	No. of Stations	Name of Stations
Maharashtra	132	Ahmednagar, Ajni (Nagpur), Akalkot Road, Akola, Akurdi, Amalner, Amgaon, Amravati, Andheri, Badnera, Balharshah, Bandra Terminus, Baramati, Belapur, Bhandara Road, Bhokar,

Bhusawal, Borivali, Byculla, Chalisgaon, Chanda Fort, Chandrapur, Charni Road, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Chinchpokli, Chinchwad, Dadar (CR), Dadar (WR), Dahisar, Daund, Dehu Road, Devlali, Dhamangaon, Dharangaon, Dharashiv, Dharmabad, Dhule, Diva, Dudhani, Gangakher, Godhani, Gondia, Grant Road, Hadapsar, Hatkanangale, Hazur Sahib Nanded, Himayatnagar, Hinganghat, Hingoli Deccan, Igatpuri, Jalgaon, Jalna, Jeur, Jogeshwari, Kalyan Jn, Kamptee, Kandivali, Kanjur Marg, Karad, Katol, Kedgaon, Kinwat, Kopargaon, Kurduwadi Jn, Kurla Jn, Lasalgaon, Latur, Lokmanya Tilak Terminus, Lonand Jn, Lonavla, Lower Parel, Malad, Malkapur, Manmad Jn, Manwath Road, Marine Lines, Matunga, Miraj Jn, Mudkhed Jn, Mumbai Central, Mumbra, Murtizapur Jn, Nagarsol , Nagpur Jn, Nandgaon, Nandura, Nandurbar, Narkher Jn, Nashik Road, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Pachora Jn, Palghar, Pandharpur, Panvel Jn, Parbhani Jn, Parel, Parli Vaijnath, Partur , Phaltan, Prabhadevi, Pulgaon Jn, Pune Jn, Purna Jn, Raver, Rotegaon, Sainagar Shirdi, Sandhurst Road, Sangli, Satara, Savda, Selu, Sewagram, Shahad, Shegaon, Shivaji Nagar Pune, Shri Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Terminus Kolhapur, Solapur, Talegaon, Thakurli, Thane, Titvala,

		Tumsar Road, Umri, Uruli, Vadala Road, Vidyavihar, Vikhroli, Wadsa, Wardha, Washim, Wathar
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Completed stations:

Development works at railway stations under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Maharashtra have been taken up at a good pace. Till now, works of 19 stations have been completed. The name of stations completed in Maharashtra are as following:

State	No. of stations	Name of stations
Maharashtra	19	Amgaon, Baramati, Byculla, Chanda Fort, Chinchpokli, Devlali, Dhule, Himayatnagar, Kedgaon, Lasalgaon, Lonand Jn, Matunga, Murtizapur Jn, Nandura, Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Itwari Junction, Parel, Savda, Shahad, Vadala Road

The activities for development at other stations have also been taken up at good pace and progress of some of the stations is as given below:

- **Hingoli Deccan station: The works of platform shelter and improvement of platform surface of platform no. 2 have been completed. The works of new station building, improvement of existing station building, platform surface of platform no. 1, lift and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.**
- **Kinwat station: The works of improvement of station building, platform shelter, improvement of platform surface, waiting hall, toilet, circulating area, lift and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.**

- **Palghar station:** The works of new platform shelter at platform no. 2/3, platform surfacing, new coping blocks and tactile tile work at platform no. 4 have been completed. The works of utility shifting and 12 m Foot Over Bridge have been taken up.
- **Diva station:** The works of improvement of station building, circulating area and parking on East side, new entry gate, platform raising and flooring of platform no. 5/6 and 7/8, platform shelter at platform no. 7/8, new toilet block, sewage treatment plant on West side, improvement of Foot Over Bridge at Kalyan end and Mumbai end have been completed. The work of new 6 m Foot Over Bridge has been taken up.
- **Mumbra station:** The works for improvement of platform surface, seating arrangement, new toilet block, improvement of booking office, circulating area, sewage treatment plant and flooring of Foot Over Bridge have been completed. The work of escalator has been taken up.

Further, development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of stations on Indian Railways including provision of passenger amenities like waiting room, drinking water arrangement, lighting, Divyangjan facilities etc. is a continuous and ongoing process and works in this regard are undertaken as per requirement, subject to inter-se priority and availability of funds. Development / redevelopment / upgradation / modernisation of a station is carried out based on category of station/condition/traffic handled etc.

Indian Railways is committed to make its railway stations accessible for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans) and passengers with reduced mobility as part of “Sugamya Bharat Mission” or ‘Accessible India Campaign’ of Government of India. In compliance of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, “Guidelines on accessibility of Indian Railway stations and facilities at stations for differently abled persons (Divyangjans) and

passengers with reduced mobility” have been circulated and notified in the Gazette of India. The guidelines include provisions of facilities for Divyangjans and passengers with reduced mobility such as entrance ramps, accessible parking, low height ticket counters/help booths, toilets, drinking water booths, subways/Foot Over Bridges with ramps/lifts, standard signages including Braille signages and tactile pathways for visual impairment, etc. which are being provided in a phased manner and on the principles of reasonable accommodation.

Development / Upgradation of railway stations is complex in nature involving safety of passengers & trains and requires various statutory clearances such as fire clearance, heritage, tree cutting, airport clearance etc. The progress also gets affected due to brownfield related challenges such as shifting of utilities (involving water/sewage lines, optical fibre cables, gas pipe lines, power/signal cables, etc.), infringements, operation of trains without hindering passenger movement, speed restrictions due to works carried out in close proximity of tracks and high voltage power lines, etc. and these factors affect the completion time.

Development / Upgradation / Modernization of stations including Amrit Bharat Station Scheme is generally funded under Plan Head-53 ‘Customer Amenities’. The details of allocation and expenditure under Plan Head-53 are maintained Zonal Railway-wise and not work-wise or station-wise or state-wise. Maharashtra is covered under the jurisdiction of four railway zones, namely, Central Railway, South Central Railway, South East Central Railway and Western Railway. For these zones, an allocation of ₹ 3,834 crore (Revised Estimate) has been made for the financial year 2025-26, out of which an expenditure of ₹ 3,886 crore (up to February, 2026) has been incurred so far.

Budget allocation & details of Projects in Maharashtra

Hingoli is an existing railway station on Akola-Purna railway line. To improve the connectivity in the region, survey for Akola-Purna doubling (207 Km) has been sanctioned for preparation of Detailed Project Report (DPR).

After preparation of DPR, sanctioning of 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.

Further, Ministry of Railway has taken up the work of Wardha-Nanded (284 Km) new line project which passes through Hingoli district. Wardha-Deoli-Kalamb section of 38 Km of this project has been commissioned and work taken up in the balance section. An expenditure of ₹3,264 crore has been incurred upto March, 2025 with an outlay of ₹310 crore for the year 2025-26. The required 567 Ha. land has been acquired and works taken up.

Maharashtra

Railway Budget:

Budget allocation during the last five years has increased significantly. Budget allocation for infrastructure projects and safety works, falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra is as under:

Period	Outlay
2009-14	₹1,171 crore/year
2025-26	₹23,778 crore (More than 20 times)

Track Construction:

The details of constructing new track falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra during 2009-14 and 2014-25 is as under:

Period	New track Commissioned	Average commissioning of new tracks
2009-14	292 Km	58.4 Km/year
2014-25	2,292 Km	208.4 Km/year (More than 3 times)

Projects sanctioned:

As on 01.04.2025, 38 projects (11 New Lines, 02 Gauge Conversion and 25 Doubling), of a total length of 5,098 km, costing ₹89,780 crore, falling fully/partly in Maharashtra, are sanctioned. The summary is as under:-

Category	No. of sanctioned Projects	Total Length (in Km)	Length Commissioned Upto Mar'25 (Km)	Exp. upto Mar'25 (₹ in Cr.)
New Line	11	1,355	234	10,504
Gauge Conversion	02	609	334	4,286
Doubling/ Multitracking	25	3,134	1,792	24,617
Total	38	5,098	2,360	39,407

Recently completed projects:

Details of some of the recently completed projects falling fully/partly in Maharashtra are as under:

S N	Project	Cost (₹ in crore)
1	Pune-Miraj-Londa Doubling (467 Km)	4,670
2	Jabalpur-Gondia Gauge Conversion (300 Km)	2,005
3	Chhindwara-Nagpur Gauge Conversion (150 Km)	1,512
4	Panvel-Pen Doubling (35 Km)	263
5	Pen-Roha Doubling (40 Km)	330
6	Udhna-Jalgaon Doubling (307 Km)	2,448
7	Mudkhed-Parbhani Doubling (81 Km)	673
8	Bhusawal-Jalgaon 3rd Line (24 Km)	325
9	Jalgaon-Bhusawal 4th Line (24 Km)	261
10	Daund-Gulbarga Doubling (225 Km)	3,182

Ongoing Projects:

To further improve the Railway Infrastructure in the state of Maharashtra, following works have been taken up:-

S N	Name of the project	Cost (₹ In crore)
1	Ahilyanagar (Ahmednagar)-Beed-Parli Vaijnath New Line (261 Km)	4,957
2	Baramati-Lonand New Line (64 Km)	1,844
3	Wardha-Nanded New Line (284 Km)	3,445
4	Indore-Manmad New Line (360 Km)	18,529
5	Wadsa-Gadchiroli New Line (52 Km)	1,886

6	Jalna-Jalgaon New Line (174 Km)	5,804
7	Daund-Manmad Doubling (236 Km)	3,037
8	Kalyan-Kasara 3rd Line (68 Km)	1,433
9	Wardha-Nagpur 3rd Line (76 Km)	698
10	Wardha-Ballarshah 3rd Line (132 Km)	1,385
11	Itarsi-Nagpur 3rd Line (280 Km)	2,450
12	Rajnandgaon-Nagpur 3rd Line (228 Km)	3,545
13	Wardha-Nagpur 4th Line (79 Km)	1,137
14	Jalgaon-Manmad 4th Line (160 Km)	2,574
15	Bhusawal-Khandwa 3rd & 4th Line (131 Km)	3,285
16	Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad New Line (95 Km)	2,933
17	Panvel-Chowk Double Line (17 Km)	491
18	Wardha-Balharshah 4th Line (135 Km)	2,226
19	Itarsi-Nagpur 4th Line (297 Km)	5,010
20	Wardha-Bhusawal 3rd & 4th Line (314 Km)	9,197
21	Asangaon-Kasara 4th Line (35 Km)	794
22	Badlapur-Karjat 3rd & 4th Line (32 Km)	1,324
23	Gondia-Dongargarh 4th Line (84 Km)	2,223
24	Gondia-Balharshah Doubling (240 Km)	4,819

Increasing train handling capacity in Mumbai area:

Presently, about 120 originating Mail/Express trains and about 3200 sub urban trains are handled daily in Mumbai area. 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	LTT	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

Platform length extension:

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

New projects for increasing capacity:

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 crore)
1	6th Line Mumbai Central-Borivali (30 km)	919
2	Extension of Harbour Line Goregaon-Borivali (7 km)	826
3	Virar-Dahanu Road 3rd & 4th Line (64 km)	3587
4	5th & 6th Line CSTM-Kurla (17.5 km)	891
5	Panvel-Karjat Suburban Corridor (29.6 km)	2782
6	Airoli-Kalwa (elevated) Suburban Corridor link (3.3 km)	476
7	5th & 6th line Borivali-Virar (26 km)	2184
8	4th line between Kalyan-Asangaon (32 km)	1759
9	3rd & 4th line between Kalyan-Badlapur (14.05 km)	1510
10	Kalyan Yard-Segregation of Main Line & Suburban	866
11	Vasai bye pass line (Double line) between Naigaon and Juchandra (5.73 Km)	176
12	3rd and 4th line between Badlapur & Karjat (32.46 km)	1324
13	4th line between Asangaon & Kasara (34.97 km)	794
14	Trespass Control (34 locations)	551

New generation trains:

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.

Capacity Augmentation works for Pune Area:

Presently, about 33 originating Mail/Express trains are handled daily in Pune area.

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

SN	Location	Details
1	Pune Junction	6 additional Platforms and Extension of 5 Platforms.
2	Hadapsar	Extension of 3 Platforms to handle full length trains.
3	Khadki	Raising and Extension of PF-3/4 and extension of running lines completed in July'2025.
4	Alandi	New Coaching Terminal with 9 additional Platforms, 8 pit lines and 8 stabling lines
5	Phursungi	5 Stabling Lines at Phursungi

In addition to above, following capacity additional works have been undertaken in Pune Area to increase the train handling capacity:

SN	Name of Project
1	3rd Line between Hadapsar and Ghorpuri Yard
2	New Block station at Manjari Bhadrakin Pune-Daund Section and Ramtekdi in Pune-Sasvad section
3	Bidirectional Signalling in Pune Sasvad Road Section

Bullet Train project:

Presently, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project (508 km) is under execution. The Project is passing through the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli with 12 stations planned at Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Billimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad and Sabarmati.

Entire land (1389.5 Ha.) for MAHSR project has been acquired. All Statutory Clearances have been obtained. All 1651 utilities have been shifted. The delay in land acquisition in the State of Maharashtra has impacted the project till 2021. The land acquisition picked up in 2022 in Maharashtra.

The progress of various major items so far is as under:

Item	Progress
Piers	430 kms.
Girder	341 kms.
Track Bed	174 kms.
OHE Masts	153 kms.

The progress of stations is given below:-

S.No.	Station	Status
1	Sabarmati	Foundation works completed, Platform slab & roof structural works and finishing works are in progress
2	Ahmedabad	Structural works completed and finishing works have been taken up.
3	Anand/Nadiad	
4	Vadodara	
5	Bharuch	Foundation work completed, structural works and finishing works have been taken up.
6	Surat	
7	Bilimora	
8	Vapi	
9	Boisar	Foundation works have been taken up and in advanced stage. Structural works have been taken up.
10	Virar	
11	Thane	
12	BKC (Mumbai)	This is an underground station. Foundation works almost completed and Base Slab has been taken up.

The progress on the River Bridges is as under:-

S N	River Name	Status
1	Sabarmati River (480m)	Sub-Structure work completed, Superstructure work has been taken up.
2	Meshwa River (120m)	Bridge construction completed.
3	Vatrak River (280m)	
4	Mohar (Shedhi) River (160m)	
5	Mahi River (720m)	11 out of 12 wells completed;5 spans launched
6	Vishwamitri River (80m)	Bridge construction completed.
7	Dhadhar River (120m)	
8	Narmada River (1366m)	21 out of 25 wells completed; 4 spans launched
9	Kim River (120m)	Bridge construction completed.
10	Tapi River (720m)	Foundation work has been taken up, 10 out of 12 wells completed
11	Mindhola River (240m)	Bridge construction completed.
12	Purna River (360m)	
13	Ambika River (200m)	
14	Venganiya River (200m)	
15	Kaveri River (120m)	
16	Kharera River (120m)	
17	Auranga River (320m)	
18	Par River (320m)	
19	Kolak River (160m)	
20	Daman Ganga River (360m)	

21	Darotha River (80m)	
22	Jagani River (360m)	Foundation works have been completed
23	Vaitarna River (2320m)	12 Pile Cap and 11 Pier (out of 58) completed.
24	Ulhas River Branch (120m)	Temporary Access Bridge (TAB) completed to start the foundation work.
25	Desai Khadi River Bridge (400m)	Geo-technical Investigation (GTI) has been completed and Design work has been taken up.

The work of the under-sea tunnel (approximately 21 km) has commenced, out of which 4.8 km of tunnel between Ghansoli and Shilphata in Maharashtra has been completed.

Further, to strengthen national transport infrastructure, provide a fillip to regional connectivity, economic growth, tourism, investment and employment generation, and encourage modal shift from road and air transport to rail, the Government has announced the development of the following seven new High-Speed Rail (HSR) corridors in the Union Budget 2026-27:-

- (i) Mumbai–Pune**
- (ii) Pune–Hyderabad**
- (iii) Hyderabad–Bengaluru**
- (iv) Hyderabad–Chennai**
- (v) Chennai–Bengaluru**
- (vi) Delhi–Varanasi**
- (vii) Varanasi–Siliguri**

Being highly capital intensive, the decision to sanction any HSR Corridor/Project depends on many factors such as outcome of DPR, techno-economic feasibility studies and availability of resources such as financing options etc.

Dedicated freight corridor:

Western DFC also passes through Maharashtra. About 178 route Km of western DFC is situated in Maharashtra which is about 12% of overall route length of western DFC. 76 Km of this project from New Gholvad to New Vaitarna in Maharashtra has already been commissioned. Balance works have been taken up. Connectivity of WDFC to JNPT will boost the capacity to handle cargo and container traffic from port to Delhi NCR.

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**

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

- **Land acquisition by State Government**
- **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.**

All these factors affect the completion time and cost of the project/s.

Various steps taken by the Government for effective and speedy implementation of rail projects include:

- **Substantial increase in allocation of funds.**
- **Delegation of powers at field level.**
- **Close monitoring of progress of project at various levels.**
- **Regular follow up with State Governments and concerned authorities for expeditious land acquisition, forestry and Wildlife clearances and for resolving other issues pertaining to projects.**
