

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 809
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

**DAILY/WEEKLY SPECIAL TRAIN FROM BHIWANDI ROAD RAILWAY STATION TO
PANDHARPUR**

†809. SHRI BALYA MAMA SURESH GOPINATH MHATRE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start a daily/weekly special train from Bhiwandi Road Railway Station to the famous religious place Pandharpur in view of the large number of passengers travelling through Bhiwandi Road area during Pandharpur Wari, Ashadi Ekadashi and Kartik festivals in Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b) Indian Railways (IR) constantly endeavours to cater to the needs of travelling passengers and to clear the extra rush of passengers during peak seasons, festivals, religious congregations etc. IR operates special trains keeping in view the pattern of traffic, commercial justification, operational feasibility and availability of resources etc., which is an on-going process. The details of Special trains operated during 2024-25 and 2025-26 (upto December) is as under:

Year	No. of Special train trips
2024-25	~85,400
2025-26 (upto December, 2025)	~65,000

Presently, 11027/11028 Dadar-Satara Express provides direct connectivity for Pandharpur from Mumbai area.

Further, to facilitate the devotees travel to Pandharpur during Ashadhi Ekadashi and Kartik Ekadashi, IR operates special trains for Pandharpur. Accordingly, during 2025-26, IR operated 86 trips of special trains during Ashadhi Ekadashi and 52 trips of special trains during Kartik Ekadashi.