

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 675
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2026**

RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY TO BALLARI AND HOSPET JUNCTIONS

675. SHRI E TUKARAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the action taken by the Government on the proposals for improving railway connectivity to Ballari and Hospet Junctions in Karnataka including introduction of new train services, Vande Bharat train, increase in the frequency of existing trains and replacement of old coaches including the present status of each proposal;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to approve and implement any of these proposals keeping in view the importance of Ballari and Hospet as major industrial, mining and tourism centres; and**
- (c) if so, the details thereof including likely timeline for implementation and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) Indian Railways (IR), constantly endeavours to improve connectivity on its network and to this end, IR have introduced the following 06 pairs of regular train services to cater to the needs of passengers of Ballari and Hosapete stations:

SN	Train No. and Name	w.e.f.
1	17071/17072 Hyderabad - Belagavi Express (via Ballari - Hosapete)	21.05.2026
2	17073/17074 Secunderabad - Belagavi Express (via Ballari - Hosapete)	18.05.2026

3	17075/17076 Charlapalli - Belagavi Express (via Ballari - Hosapete)	16.05.2026
4	76511/76512 Hosapete - Ballari DEMU	11.05.2026
5	76507/76508 Hosapete - Hubballi DEMU	10.05.2026
6	76509/76510 Ballari - Davangere DEMU	11.05.2026

Presently, Ballari and Hosapete stations are served by 48 and 54 train services respectively which are providing connectivity *inter alia* to cities like Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru, Kolkata, Mysuru, Tirupati, Jodhpur, Ajmer, Vasco-Da-Gama, Hyderabad, Vijayapura, etc. The list of trains serving Ballari and Hosapete stations are as under:

Train serving Ballari:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	12649 Yesvantpur - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
2	12650 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Yesvantpur Express
3	16531 Ajmer - KSR Bengaluru Express
4	16532 KSR Bengaluru - Ajmer Express
5	16533 Jodhpur - KSR Bengaluru Express
6	16534 KSR Bengaluru - Jodhpur Express
7	16591 Hubballi - Mysuru Express
8	16592 Mysuru - Hubballi Express
9	17039 Secunderabad - Vasco Da Gama Express
10	17040 Vasco Da Gama - Secunderabad Express
11	17071 Hyderabad - Belagavi Express
12	17072 Belagavi - Hyderabad Express
13	17073 Secunderabad - Belagavi Express
14	17074 Belagavi - Secunderabad Express
15	17075 Charlapalli - Belagavi Express

16	17076 Belagavi - Charlapalli Express
17	17225 Narasapur - Hubballi Express
18	17226 Hubballi - Narasapur Express
19	17313 Hubballi - MGR Chennai Central Express
20	17314 MGR Chennai Central - Hubballi Express
21	17321 Vasco Da Gama - Jasidih Express
22	17322 Jasidih - Vasco Da Gama Express
23	17329 Hubballi - Vijayawada Express
24	17330 Vijayawada - Hubballi Express
25	17415 Tirupati - Kolhapur Express
26	17416 Kolhapur - Tirupati Express
27	17419 Tirupati - Vasco Da Gama Express
28	17420 Vasco Da Gama - Tirupati Express
29	18047 Shalimar - Vasco Da Gama Express
30	18048 Vasco Da Gama - Shalimar Express
31	18111 Tatanagar - Yesvantpur Express
32	18112 Yesvantpur - Tatanagar Express
33	20667 Yesvantpur - Khatipura Express
34	20668 Khatipura - Yesvantpur Express
35	22687 Mysuru - Varanasi Express
36	22688 Varanasi - Mysuru Express
37	56911 Hubballi - Guntakal Passenger
38	56912 Guntakal - Hubballi Passenger
39	57401 Tirupati - Hubballi Passenger
40	57402 Hubballi - Tirupati Passenger
41	57405 Tirupati - Kadiridevarapalli Passenger
42	57406 Kadiridevarapalli - Tirupati Passenger

43	57415 Guntakal - Chikjajur Passenger
44	57416 Chikjajur - Guntakal Passenger
45	76509 Ballari - Davangere DMU
46	76510 Davangere - Ballari DMU
47	76511 Hosapete - Ballari DMU
48	76512 Ballari - Hosapete DMU

Train serving Hosapete:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11139 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Hosapete Express
2	11140 Hosapete - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Express
3	11415 Solapur - Hosapete Express
4	11416 Hosapete - Solapur Express
5	12649 Yesvantpur - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
6	12650 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Yesvantpur Express
7	16217 Mysuru - Sainagar Shirdi Express
8	16218 Sainagar Shirdi - Mysuru Express
9	16531 Ajmer - KSR Bengaluru Express
10	16532 KSR Bengaluru - Ajmer Express
11	16533 Jodhpur - KSR Bengaluru Express
12	16534 KSR Bengaluru - Jodhpur Express
13	16545 Yesvantpur - Sindhanur Express
14	16546 Sindhanur - Yesvantpur Express
15	16547 Yesvantpur - Vijayapura Express
16	16548 Vijayapura - Yesvantpur Express
17	16591 Hubballi - Mysuru Express
18	16592 Mysuru - Hubballi Express

19	17039 Secunderabad - Vasco Da Gama Express
20	17040 Vasco Da Gama - Secunderabad Express
21	17071 Hyderabad - Belagavi Express
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35	17415 Tirupati - Kolhapur Express
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37	17419 Tirupati - Vasco Da Gama Express
38	17420 Vasco Da Gama - Tirupati Express
39	18047 Shalimar - Vasco Da Gama Express
40	18048 Vasco Da Gama - Shalimar Express
41	56519 KSR Bengaluru - Hosapete Passenger
42	56520 Hosapete - KSR Bengaluru Passenger
43	56529 Harihar - Hosapete Passenger
44	56530 Hosapete - Harihar Passenger
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Besides, introduction of new train service/increase in frequency of existing services, including Vande Bharat 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.**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section.**

Replacement of old coaches:

Indian Railways (IR) are replacing the old ICF design coaches with the LHB coaches which are technologically superior with features like Anti climbing arrangement, Air suspension (Secondary) with failure indication system and less corrosive shell. These coaches have higher speed potential as well as better riding and aesthetics as compared to the conventional ICF coaches.

Production of LHB Coaches during 2014-26 vis a vis 2004-14 is as under:

Period	LHB coaches manufactured
2004-14	2,337 nos.
2014-26	49,366 nos. (more than 21 times)

The replacement of ICF coaches with LHB Coaches is being undertaken in a phased manner subject to operational feasibility, availability of rolling stock etc. Accordingly, during the period 2014-15 to 2025-26, around 1060 pairs of trains have been converted utilising more than 1500 rakes.

Besides, on IR only those Coaches which are fit and safe for operations are attached in train services. Replacement of old Coaches with new coaches is a continuous process depending on age profile of old coaches, availability of rolling stock etc.

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