

(c) Occupancy of luxury trains is on the increasing trend as can be seen from the analysis of number of passengers travelled in the luxury trains in the last three years given in the above table.

(d) Does not arise.

Proposed railway station between Mulund and Thane

1397. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has a proposal for a new station on main line route of Central Railways between Mulund and Thane;

(b) if so, who proposed for this new station;

(c) whether Railways have accessed the proposal from the competent authority, if so, could Ministry submit the report to the House;

(d) whether Railways have land area required for new station and located the required piece of land and where;

(e) whether Railways is planning to acquire 14 acres of land belonging to Mental Hospital of Thane Corporation; and

(f) if so, whether Railways have to compensate Thane Municipality, if so, by what amount?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Thane Municipal Corporation (TMC) had proposed the station. This has been sanctioned as a deposit work at the cost of Thane Municipal Corporation.

(d) and (e) The station is planned with the land given free of cost to Railways by Thane Municipal Corporation.

(f) Does not arise.

Virar-Dahanu four line in Maharashtra

1398. SHRI KUMAR KETKAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of additional four lines between Virar-Dahanu railway stations;
- (b) the exact date and estimated cost to complete this project, expenditure made on this project as on date and the funds made available by Government;
- (c) the land area required for project completion, the details of private and Government land acquired by Government as on date;
- (d) the proposed route map of Virar-Dahanu railway project, stations, list of legal and illegal constructions to be removed; and
- (e) the representations received from various associations of railway passengers to complete this important project?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Project is for laying of additional 2 lines between Virar-Dahanu Road under Mumbai Urban Transport Project (MUTP)-III. Detailed construction estimate, project sheets and General Arrangement Drawings of the bridges have been approved by all concerned. Acquisition of land by direct purchase method is being done by District Collector Office, Palghar, Government of Maharashtra. Joint measurements and rates of lands have been finalised. Consent for purchase of land is being collected from owners of the land. Registry of land has started.

(b) The estimated completion cost of the project is 3578 crore out of which loan is ₹1950 crore, which will be funded by Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). The target date of completion is March, 2024. Funds are being made available by Govt. and AIIB. The budget allotment for MUTP-IU from Ministry of Railways for the year 2019-20 is ₹ 283.78 crore and equal amount from Government of Maharashtra. The expenditure incurred on the project till date is ₹66.61 crore.

(c) The details of land area required for the project are as under:—

Total Land required including Railway Land	177 Hectare
Railway Land Available	130 Hectare
Land to be Acquired	46.61 Hectare (Private: 32 Hectare, Government: 13.43 Hectare, Forest: 1.18 Hectare)
Summary of area acquired	Area Acquired: 13.43 Hectare (Government) +0.25 Hectare (Pvt.)

(d) (i) The proposed route of Virar-Dahanu Railway project is along the existing double line between Virar and Dahanu railway stations.

(ii) List of stations is as under:—

Sl. No.	Stations	Chainage from Virar (km.)	Remarks
1.	Virar	0.000	Dead End of Platform No.6 & 7 Track
2.	Vaitarna	8.475	Existing station
3.	Wadhiv	9.950	Identified location for future station
4.	Sartodi	14.600	Identified location for future station
5.	Saphale	16.118	Existing station
6.	Makunsar	19.100	Identified location for future station
7.	Kelve road	22.485	Existing station
8.	Chintupada	28.600	Identified location for future station
9.	Palghar	31.107	Existing station
10.	Kharaleroad	33.254	Identified location for future station
11.	Umroli	37.500	Existing station
12.	Panchali	39.000	Identified location for future station
13.	Boisar	42.400	Existing station
14.	Wanjarwada	45.100	Identified location for future station
15.	Vangaon	52.000	Existing station
16.	BSES colony	61.600	Identified location for future station
17.	Dahanu Road	64.150	Existing station

(iii) List of structures to be dismantled for the project:—

Sl. No.	Status of Private Structure	Virar-Dahanu
1.	Residential	52
2.	Commercial	45
3.	Residential-cum Commercial	7
4.	Others	2
	TOTAL	106

(e) No such representations have been received.