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Title: Regarding running of Khandesh Express, Train No.19003 on a daily basis through Nandurbar Railway Station.-laid

DR. HEENA VIJAYKUMAR GAVIT (NANDURBAR): Train Number 19003-Khandesh Express from Bandra Terminus to Bhusawal Junction runs thrice a week and the train also has a stoppage at Nandurbar Railway Station which falls under my Parliamentary Constituency. Nandurbar is a hilly area with majority of tribal population which ranks low on human development index and the residents of Nandurbar travel to Mumbai on a daily basis for employment opportunities, education and medical treatment. The distance between Nandurbar and Mumbai is approximately 450 km and due to absence of a daily train between Nandurbar and Mumbai, the commuters face inconvenience as they are left with limited options for travelling to Mumbai. This also results in financial inconvenience for the commuters because they are left with the option of taking a bus or taxi for travelling to Mumbai which is costly. I request the Government to kindly run Khandesh Express on a daily basis in order to provide better transportation facilities for the people of Nandurbar who travel to Mumbai and adjoining areas on a daily basis. A daily train between Mumbai and Nandurbar will aid in the economic development of a backward district like Nandurbar and due to high demand by passengers on this route, there will be substantial revenue generation for the railways.