

Re : Completion of Pune-Nasik Semi High-Speed Rail Corridor Project-laid

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE (SHIRUR): Pune ? Nashik Semi High-Speed Rail corridor project is a 234.60 km semi high-speed double rail line connecting Pune and Nashik in Maharashtra through 24 stations. Pune and Nashik cities have undergone rapid economic growth in recent years, and along with this growth have come a sharp rise in the volume of people and goods being transported. Mumbai, Pune and Nasik are together referred to as Golden Triangle of Maharashtra. At present there is no direct link between these important cities of Maharashtra. The new proposal is likely to draw more number of trains and attract more number of passengers to the route. It will also act as a catalyst to the industrial corridor along the belt, and generate more revenue to the region. This will open a new revenue stream for industries by fast-track movement of cargo by Railways and provide connectivity for transport of coal to thermal power plants. It will also facilitate economical transportation of the industrial goods from Pune region to different parts of the country as well as to ports. I urge upon the Hon?ble Minister of Railway to Fastrack this important Railway project so that the passenger trains on this greenfield line may operate at the earliest.