

Regarding starting of shuttle train services between Kalyan and Thane -laid

DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE (KALYAN): Local trains are the lifeline of my Lok Sabha constituency of Kalyan and are used by a large number of commuters for the purpose of work, education and business. Kalyan is one of the busiest railway stations in Maharashtra which witness a high footfall and in peak hours there have been multiple instances of overcrowding. There has been an increase in the cases of death due to falling off from trains as a result of overcrowding and there is an urgent need to take remedial steps to control the same especially on the Thane-Kalyan route. The introduction of Shuttle services and construction of longer platforms at stations between Thane and Kalyan, introduction of more 15-car rakes, improved punctuality, and taking measures to prevent commuters from falling off from running trains are major issues which need swift action. I request the Government to kindly start shuttle trains between Kalyan and Thane, a section that's perennially crowded during peak hours. This will not only ensure faster movement of people but will improve ease of travelling for people from stations of Dombivali, Diva, Kalwa and Mumbra, where commuters regularly complain of overcrowding and having little space to even board the trains.