

**Regarding need for doubling and electrification of railway lines in Shambhajnagar Parliamentary Constituency, Maharashtra-Laid**

**SHRI SANDIPANRAO ASARAM BHUMARE (AURANGABAD):** There has been a long pending demand for doubling and electrification of railway lines in my Sambhajnagar Parliamentary Constituency. It is pertinent to mention here that Sambhajnagar is an important industrial and tourism hub. So, there has been a significant increase in no. of passengers and freight transportation. A single line cannot sustain to this ever increasing transportation traffic because it causes delay and increases crowd. The double line will help to ensure smooth traffic operations. Better rail connectivity would further help to secure economic development. The doubling of railway line and electrification would enhance pace of traffic and its competence and subsequently, it would be very beneficial for trade and industry. It will surely help in employment generation. There are World Heritage sites like Ajantha and Ellora in Sambhajnagar and it attracts tourists around the world. Hence, better rail connectivity would ensure comfortable travel experience and promote tourism industry. It would minimize the dependability on diesel locomotives which will also improve the air pollution. Hence, doubling and electrification of railway lines is necessary in Sambhajnagar Parliamentary Constituency to solve the railway traffic issues and also to ensure long term development of this region. So, I would like to request Hon<sup>ble</sup> Minister of Railways to start the doubling and electrification of railway line work in my Lok Sabha Constituency, Sambhajnagar as early as possible.