

Regarding need to attach additional coaches to DEMU trains running from Daund to Pune and from Baramati to Pune in Maharashtra- Laid

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE (BARAMATI): I wish to highlight the need for improved Rail Services and Suburban Status for Daund and Jejuri. Daund, an emerging taluka near Pune, has many residents commuting to Pune daily for work. However, Diesel Electric Multiple Unit (DEMU) trains remain the sole mode of transport. These overcrowded trains are slow, make unscheduled stops, and suffer from technical breakdowns, including occasional fire incidents. They result in discomfort, avoidable delays, and even job losses. Furthermore, the proposed work on the Solapur highway may lead to a shift towards rail travel, potentially exacerbating the overcrowding. To alleviate this, we propose extending the Electrical Multiple Unit train to Daund. Similarly, Jejuri, home to Maharashtra's revered Kuladaivat temple and the Maharashtra Industrial Development Corporation (MIDC), faces significant challenges in commuting to Pune due to the inadequate transportation facilities. We have actively sought the designation of Daund Junction and Jejuri Railway Station as suburban sections; however, the Railway Board has so far declined our request for classification. I urge the Government to reconsider this proposal. Until Daund is officially declared a suburb, we urgently request that at least 5 to 6 additional coaches be attached to the Daund to Pune and Baramati to Pune DEMU trains.