

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:636  
ANSWERED ON:26.07.2001  
INTRODUCTION OF SUBURBAN TRAIN BETWEEN MUMBAI AND VIRAR  
CHINTAMAN NAVSHA WANAGA

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) Whether suburban train on AC/DC current has been started from Mumbai to Virar Station;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether same train is proposed to be extended from Mumbai to Dahanu Road;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) the time by which the said train is likely to be extended up to Dahanu Road ?

**Answer**

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS AND PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Suburban trains on AC/DC traction have been introduced between Churchgate and Virar with effect from 25.5.2001. Presently, two such rakes are in service.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): EMU services can not be extended beyond Virar as the section between Virar to Dahanu road is not fit for running EMUs. However, the project for development of facilities for introduction of EMU services in Virar- Dahanu Road Section and terminal facilities at Dahanu Road has been sanctioned at an estimated cost of Rs. 25.48 crores subject to necessary clearances. However, on completion of change over from DC to AC between Churchgate and Virar, limited number of MEMU services can be extended from Dahanu Road to Churchgate.

e): Extension of EMU services beyond Virar can only be considered subject to clearance of above project and change over from DC to AC between Churchgate to Virar.