

**Title:** Need to provide more railway facilities at Nagpur, Maharashtra.

SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR (NAGPUR): Sir, after the formation of Maharashtra, Nagpur has become the second capital of the State with a population well over 25 lakh and even after fifty years of Independence, the actual development of the township has not kept pace with the growth.

A growing major city of Maharashtra does not have adequate railway transport infrastructure to meet the urgent needs of the people, particularly a large chunk of the urban population are looking and seeking desperately the cheap means of transport to cover the city for various purposes and requirements.

Therefore, there was a need of having a Ring Railway facility and also a need for providing direct trains to Mumbai, Delhi, Calcutta & Madras, as there is not a single superfast long-distance train to the metropolises that is originating from Nagpur. The Government of Maharashtra have been requesting the Central Government to provide a Ring Railway facility, to start direct long-distance trains from Nagpur and to start construction of Railway Under Bridge in replacement of the hundred-years old Railway Bridge at Santra Market.

I, therefore, urge the Railway Minister to kindly take a final decision and provide the facilities mentioned above to the people of Nagpur, who will be very happy if an urgent decision in this regard is taken or some provisions are made in the next Railway Budget.