

**Title:** Need to run Mumbai Suburban trains on Vasai-Diva Railway line, Maharashtra.

SHRI CHINTAMAN WANGA (DAHANU): Sir, Vasai-Diva railway line is going through Vasai Bhiwandi Tehsil in my Dahanu Lok Sabha Constituency. This railway line has been constructed recently and the work of doubling the railway track is likely to be completed shortly. This railway line connects the Western Railway and the Central Railway. Long route passenger trains, goods trains and shuttle trains are running at present on this railway line.

Bhiwandi city and the surrounding areas is developing rapidly in the recent time. Bhiwandi is famous for textile industry and is known as Manchester of India. Vasai and Bhiwandi Talukas have been declared as Mumbai Metropolitan region by the Maharashtra Government.

There is a longstanding demand from the people's representatives, various organisations and all political parties of the area to extend the Mumbai Suburban Railway on this railwayline. If the Mumbai Suburban Railway starts operating on this railway line, passengers going from the Western Railway to the Central Railway through Dadar station can go through this railway line and it will help in reducing the overcrowding of passengers in suburban trains. I, therefore, request the Government to run the Mumbai Suburban Railway trains on Vasai-Diva railway line.

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