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To
Ms. Mamata Banerjee,
H'ble Union Minister for Railways,
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Dear

At the very outset, I would like to congratulate you for leading the TMC-Cong (I) alliance to win unprecedented number of Lok Sabha seats from West Bengal and thus leading to UPA's victory in the just concluded parliamentary elections and thereafter joining the Union Cabinet as Minister for Railways.

I too have won Lok Sabha Election from North Mumbai Parliamentary constituency. During the course of my campaign, I observed that most of the major issues in North Mumbai are directly or indirectly linked to Railways. The rail commuters in the North Mumbai are undergoing hardship due to lack of proper basic amenities on the Railway platforms, terribly poor & inadequate infrastructure on the stations and low frequency of trains.

In this regard, I would like to make suggestions to be incorporated in the Rail Budget 2009-2010 to be presented in the Parliament in the Monsoon session slated for next month.



1. Renovation Plan of Borivali Station:

Borivali Station is a major commuting hub in the Mumbai specially the local train commuting is concerned. There was a plan to renovate Borivali Station. The 'Bhoomi Pujan' ceremony of the proposed new station building was performed in 1999 by the then Union Minister of State for Railways. Since then, no further work with regard to construction of the said building has taken place.

It is requested that the renovation plan of Borivali Station should be revived and the work may be started without any further delay.

2. Platform No. 7 & 8 at Borivali Station:

The newly constructed platforms 7 & 8 at Borivali has become another sour issue with people at large as it is causing inconvenience to the to 'local daily passengers'. Recently the Borivali passengers had resorted to 'Rail Roko' to draw the attention of the Railway Administration.

However, the problem remains undressed and hence unresolved. The solution could be that during peak hours Borivali Locals train should be stated from Platform No. 1 & 2 or 3; but not from platform No. 7 & 8.

3. Basic Amenities over Platform No. 7 & 8:

Basic amenities like toilets, drinking water taps, catering services etc. are lacking on Platform No. 7 & 8 at Borivali Railway Station. These may be provided for with immediate effect.



4. Foot over Bridge:

A foot over Bridge is urgently required to be constructed to connect Platform No. 6 & 8 to Rajendra Nagar Bridge.

5. Borivali - Harbour Line Train:

There is no connectivity between Borivali Junction and Chatrapati Shivaji Terminal (CST); while lakhs of passengers commute from Borivali to Central route everyday. A new train service should be started from Borivali to CST via Harbour Line to provide travel convenience to those daily commuters who travel from Western Route to Central Route thereby also reducing the pressure on Western Route upto Dadar

If the new train service on this route is not viable, it is requested that Andheri – CST Train should be extended upto Borivali and their frequency may be increased.

6. Konkan Trains from Borivali Junction:

In North Mumbai, lakhs of people stay who are natives of Konkan areas. These people travel to their respective villages and towns especially during 'Ganapati Festival' and during summer vacations. At present, trains going to Konkan area commence from CST; which is far away from North Mumbai & this is a consistent reason of hardship & inconvenience to Konkan bound passengers.

Therefore, it is requested that Konkan Railway services should be started from Borivali Junction via Vasai-Diva route.



Primarily, the peoples' desire that there should be daily service, but if it is not possible then twice a week Konkan bound trains could be introduced from Borivali.

In the month of September 'Ganapati festivals' falls, if special trains are started from Borivali to Konkan area during this period will be great help to the poor rail commuters of Konkan origin.

7. Malad – Churchgate Local Train:

Malad is second major commercial suburban centre in the North Mumbai. There is only one train that starts from Malad and goes to Churchgate, which is unable to cater to lakhs of commuters who start their daily commuting from Malad only.

It is requested that frequency of Malad – Churchgate Train should be increased as much as possible and ASAP.

Thanking you in anticipation of favourable consideration on my requests and suggestions.

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