

KONKAN RAILWAY CLARIFIES ITS STAND TO BJP DELEGATES

On date, Shri Vinod Tawade, Gen. Secretary / Maharashtra State BJP and Shri Pramod Jathar, Hon'ble MLA, along with the Delegates of BJP visited KRCL over the following issues which was amply clarified to them by Shri Bhanu Prakash Tayal, MD / KRCL along with the concerned HODs present.

1. Halts of various Mail / Express Trains on Konkan Route.

It was clarified to the visiting Dignitaries that halts of Mail / Express Trains over the KR Route is within the purview of Railway Board. The recommendations hence have been forwarded to the Railway Board from time to time.

2. Introduction of Additional Train from Mumbai to Sawantwadi.

The suggestions received regarding this from various corners have also been forwarded to Ministry of Railways for consideration and necessary instructions. So far as Sawantwadi Terminus Proposal is concerned, the Collector / Sindhudurg is required to allot the required land for the same, for which the Proposal has already been sent to the Collector's Office by KRCL. To create the infrastructure, KRCL may require the funds to the extent of Rs.16 to 18 Crores for providing Terminal Facilities at Sawantwadi.

Meanwhile, better alternative way is to run a train from any station viz. CSTM/Dadar/LT(T) / Bandra from Mumbai Area to Sawantwadi with Return Brake Power Certificate (RBPC) and Return from Platform, provided Railway Board and Central Railway or Western Railway agree for the same.

3. Jobs to Land Losers of Konkan Railway on Indian Railways.

Necessary Compensation at the market rate has already been paid by KRCL to the Land Losers while acquiring their Land. However, as a Social Obligation and responsibility. KRCL had also adopted the Policy of offering jobs to Land Losers as and when the vacancies arise, based on the Educational Qualification and Suitability of the Candidates to be adjudged through Written Test & Interviews. However, the laid down percentage for SC/ST & OBC could not be fulfilled and hence even Two Members from one family from the KRCL Land Losers is also being considered as also relaxing the maximum age from 35 to 40 years. So far as providing employment to the Land Losers of Konkan Railway on Indian Railways is concerned, the same is not within the purview and competence of KRCL.

4. Providing Shelter Roof on the Stations on KR Route.

Konkan Railway has already provided Shelter Roofs on the Platforms on its Stations as per the Railway Board Guidelines taking into account the Gradings of the Stations which is based on number of passengers dealt with at the Station and Earnings in terms of the instructions received from the Ministry of Railways.