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To,

Hon. Shri. Raosaheb Danve, Minister of State (D) in the Ministry of Railways

Hon. Shri. Sanjay Gupta, Chairman and Managing Director, Konkan Railway

Subject: Restoration of halts of 10105/10106 Sawantwadi ↔ Diva Express as travel time has not reduced after dropping many halts

Respected Sir,

The Ministry of Railways converted the 50105/50106 Sawantwadi Diva Passenger train into an Express service in 2020 as a part of Zero Based Time Table activity. Central Railway removed 11 intermediate stops, and Konkan Railway removed 7 stops to achieve this, resulting in a total reduction of 18 halts. This significant reduction in stops was expected to yield time savings of at least 100 minutes. Both the Ministry of Railways and the Railway Board had promised a reduction in travel time as a result of these changes. However, despite these efforts, the travel time for the train remains nearly the same as per the schedule and, in some cases, has even increased during its actual runs. Central Railway's decision to provide stoppages at Apta and Jite instead of Pen and Nagothane is a topic of research.

Train No. and Name	Non Monsoon Time Table		Monsoon Time Table	
	Travel Time as Passenger Train	Travel Time as Express Train	Travel Time as Passenger Train	Travel Time as Express Train
10105 Diva Sawantwadi Express	12 hrs 10 mins	11 hrs 50 mins (Reduced by mere 20 mins)	11 hrs 50 mins	12 hrs 05 mins (Increased by 15 mins)
10106 Sawantwadi Diva Express	11 hrs 40 mins	11 hrs 30 mins (Reduced by mere 10 mins)	11 hrs 40 mins	11 hrs 55 mins (Increased by 15 mins)

The Zero Based Time Table activity, in retrospect, has not yielded the anticipated benefits for any region, as the railway department has begun to reverse some of the decisions made during this exercise. This reversal has come in response to criticism from stakeholders, particularly passengers.

We kindly request that you follow up with the Ministry of Railways to consider **reinstating the halts for the**

10105/10106 Sawantwadi ↔ Diva train at various stations, including **Kolad, Indapur, Diwankhavti, Anjani, Kamthe, Ukshi, and Bhoke** on the Konkan Railway route, as well as **Pen and Nagothane** on the Central Railway route. Furthermore, we would like to propose the addition of new halts at **Kalambani Budruk and Kadvai** along the Konkan Railway route to enhance connectivity and convenience for passengers.

Sincerely Yours,

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