

Indian Railways & Maharashtra Government to jointly invest Rs 44,000 crore for two elevated railway corridors

The Churchgate - Virar elevated corridor & the CST - Panel elevated corridor, both in suburban Mumbai, will cost Rs 23,000 Crore and Rs 11,000 Crore respectively , to build and make operational.

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In excess of 7 million daily rail commuters of Mumbai can now expect more trains and speedy travel on two proposed new elevated railway corridors between Churchgate & Virar and CST & Panvel routes.

These corridors would be implemented as a joint venture between Ministry of Railways and the state Government of Maharashtra. The elevated corridor between Churchgate & Virar elevated will require an estimated capital outlay of Rs 23,000 Crore and the elevated corridor between CST & Panvel will involve an estimated capital outlay of Rs 11,000 crore.

These two projects are part of the state government's ambitious plan of over Rs 100,000 Crore to strengthen Mumbai's transportation infrastructure backbone.

The 48.3 km long corridor between CST & Panvel along the central suburban line will be elevated for 31.6 km of the route and will be at grade for 12.4 km, where it will run parallel to existing lines. On the other hand, the elevated corridor between Churchgate & Virar will entail a distance of 63.27 km along the western suburban line, comprising an elevated stretch of approximately 42 km , underground stretch of 8 km, and 12 km will be at grade.