

Tejas Express at its best; reached Mumbai on-time despite 3 hours' late departure from Goa



Mumbai: Train left Karmali station of Goa 3 hours late, but the passengers at Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus were pleasantly surprised to see the Tejas Express arrive a minute ahead of schedule on Sunday.

Capable of running at a maximum speed of 200 kmph, Tejas Express left Goa at 10.30am and travelled 750km to reach Mumbai at 7.44pm.

Considering, ongoing monsoon season and rough terrain on certain tracks where Tejas Express travel, the premium train will run thrice a week from Mumbai to Goa. It is expected to take 12 or 15 hours to reach its destination, as against the usual eight-and-a-half hours.

"An empty coach from Mumbai arrived late, delaying the train's departure," said LK Verma, chief spokesperson of Konkan Railway. "The changed timetable led to the delay. This train is always on time otherwise," he added.

The train was reached Kudal two hours and 17 minutes late. It reached Ratnagiri and hour late. Panvel passengers said the train arrived 14 minutes late.

Possessing the powerful electro-numatic braking systems, Tejas Express managed to travel at 153kmph between Karmali and Kudal, at 137 kmph between Kudal and Ratnagiri and 125 kmph between Ratnagiri and Panvel.

Railway minister Suresh Prabhu [flagged off](#) the 13-coach train on May 22. This premium train has several facilities on-board, such as WiFi, infotainment screens, vacuum bio-toilets and automatic doors.