It is learnt that **22636/22635 Mangaluru Central – Madgaon- Mangaluru Inter City SF Express** will soon be cancelled due to poor patronage. It is possible to retain this train with some modifications of its schedule and that of 2 other trains connecting Mangalore to Bengaluru (Yeswanthpur) as follows:

* Tri-weekly Gomateshwara Express can be made a daily train between YPR & Mangalore
* Subsequently cancel tri-weekly 16515/ 16 Yeswantpur- Karwar- Yeshwantpur Day Express
* Now run 22635/36 Intercity Express between Karawar & Mangalore Central as a connecting train to Gomateshwara Express. Both trains should connect at Mangalore Junction PF nos 2&3 for easy transfer of passengers.
* Timings:

22635 Intercity Dep Karwar 05: 30 Arr MAJN 10:50 dep 11:00 Arr MAQ 11:15 (timings of 16516)

22636 Intercity Dep MAQ 17:10 Arr MAJN 17:25 dep 17:30 Arr Karwar 23:00

The main hurdle of extending Gomateshwara Exp to Mangalore Central is non-availability of platform there in the evenings as there are multiple departure & arrival of other trains to & from Kerala side. It is possible to solve this problem by interlinking Gomateshwara Exp rake with that of 56656/ 55 Passenger trains to Kannur & back solving platform availability by rake sharing as follows:

16575 YPR-MAJN express extended upto MAQ and continues as 56656 Passenger to Kannur and returns next day as 56655 Kannur-Mangalore Passenger and this can continue as 16576 Gomateshwara Exp from MAQ to Yeshwantpur. Use Electric Locomotive for Kannur Passenger upto MAQ and Diesel Loco for onward journey of Gomateshwara thus same loco reversal at Mangalore Central can be avoided and substantial time can be saved.

* **Modified timings of Gomateshwara Express (suggested):**

16575 Exp Dep YPR 07:00 Arr MAJN 16:00 Dep 16:02 Arr MAQ 16:15 continue as 56656 Pass to Kannur at 16:30 and on next day return as

56655 Kannur Pass arr MAQ 10:35 continues as 16576 Exp Dep MAQ at 11:00 arr MAJN 11:15 Dep 11:20 to Yeshwantpur arr 20:15

**Benefits:**

1. Daily day train between Mangalore and Bengaluru (YPR) form present 6 days a week (3+3)
2. Daily day connection train between Karwar and Bengaluru from the present 3 days a week
3. Daily morning connection between Karwar and Mangalore from the present 3 days a week
4. Daily evening connection between Mangalore and Karwar from the present 3 days a week
5. Optimisation of rake usage by inter connecting trains and solving platform availability at MAQ
6. Passengers can board Gomateshwara Express at Mangalore Central thus easier accessibility

**Constraints**: Require loco change from Electric to Diesel and vice-versa at Mangalore Central but this saves time required for loco reversal other wise.