



**CROWD PULLER**

Sealegs, the multi-purpose amphibian vehicle which has been acquired by the Mumbai police to patrol the city harbour recently, draws the crowd's attention at Juhu beach yesterday. PIC/SURESH KK

# RAILWAY TICKETS AT GROCERY STORES?

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IF the Mumbai Rail Vikas Corporation (MRVC) has its way, a unique ticketing system that would work across suburban railways and the BEST Undertaking should be in place by next year.

The MRVC plans to install these new ticket vending machines at neighbourhood stores, banks and post offices. The ticketing system would deliver tickets in a fraction of a second. A proposal has been sent to the World Bank.

According to MRVC officials, such a system is crucial in a suburban system due to the crowd and peak hour movement of commuters.

"The commuter does not have the time to wait in ser-



**NO MORE QUEUES?** The move follows the introduction of ATVMs (above) in 2007. FILE PIC

pentine queues. Also, the commuter should be able to procure tickets with cash or even a credit card," said an MRVC official.

"We are looking at creating a ticket vending system similar to the Oyster ticket system in London. The system would be unique as both the suburban railways and the

BEST Undertaking would be brought together and it would ensure that the revenue flows to each of the undertakings according to the commuter usage," he added.

"Once the World Bank approves our proposal, we can

call for global tenders to carry out a study on a ticketing system, which would take into account the peculiarities of the transport system in the city," said MRVC Chief Operations Manager Prakash Rao Vazalwar.



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