

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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ROLLING OUT OF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) in how many phases Government is planning to roll out 400 Vande Bharat Express Trains announced in the 2022 Union Budget;
- (b) the current status of work completed in respect of the 75 Vande Bharat Express Trains announced by Government recently to connect all parts of the country; and
- (c) the number of cities in Madhya Pradesh that will benefit from the Vande Bharat Express Trains?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) The work of Manufacturing/Acquisition of 400 Energy Efficient Vande Bharat Rakes (Sleeper Version) has been planned to be executed in 2 Phases.
 - (i) Under Phase-I: It is envisaged to manufacture 200 Vande Bharat sleeper rakes with stainless steel/ Aluminum body.
 - (ii) Under Phase- II. a: One Hundred (100) Energy efficient Vande - Bharat rakes (sleeper version) with light weight Aluminum car body and distributed power system is envisaged to be manufactured.
 - (iii) Under Phase- II. b: One Hundred (100) Energy Efficient Vande-Bharat rakes with light weight Aluminum car body and concentrated power system are envisaged to be manufactured.
- (b) Production Units of Indian Railway have been entrusted with this task. They manufacture coaches according to the Production Plan issued by Railway Board. Production plan of 2022-23 includes 75 Vande Bharat Train sets and production plan 2023-24 includes 58 Vande Bharat Train sets be produced.
- (c) Indian Railways do not run train services, including Vande Bharat services, on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, operation of more Vande Bharat trains, over Indian Railways network, is subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification and availability of rolling stock.
