GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1250 ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022

EXPORTING VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways propose to export indigenously manufactured Vande Bharat Trains;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways is also taking any measures to increase production of these trains as well as introduce newer versions with sleeper coaches;
- (d) how many Vande Bharat Trains are currently in service in the country;
- (e) whether Railways is ready to introduce more services in the near future; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) & (b) Indian Railways is looking forward for export of indigenously manufactured Vande Bharat trains. For this purpose, RITES Ltd have been entrusted with the task of identifying potential market for export.
- (c) The production of these trains is being stepped up conforming to traffic requirements. The sleeper version of Vande Bharat is under development. The layouts of sleeper version have been designed and are being firmed up.
- (d) Currently, six (6) Vande Bharat trains are in service over Indian Railways.
- (e) & (f) Induction of more service is being under taken as per operational requirement, financial justification and commercial viability.
