

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2059
ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022

SNAGS IN VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS

2059 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of incidents of Vande Bharat Express Trains developing snags, hit by animals etc., in the last six months, the details thereof;
- (b) the reasons for such incidents, especially with Vande Bharat Express Trains;
- (c) whether it is due to defect in fiber reinforced plastic;
- (d) the reasons for not manufacturing these trains with carbon steel to make it withstand pressure;
- (e) whether any inquiry has been made to find out whether the suppliers provided sub-standard item for the manufacture of rakes; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): There has been 01 case of axle lock due to bearing failure and 68 cases of hit by animals in Vande-Bharat Trains over entire Indian Railways since 1st June 2022.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): The shell structure of Vande Bharat coach is made of high grade steel. However, the coupler cover fitted in front of Vande Bharat Train as part of nose cone which provides aerodynamic profile to the train is made of Fibre Reinforced Plastic to absorb the impact of hit.

(e) & (f): All supplies of material are accepted only after prescribed inspections as per purchase order/work order and cases of sub standard quality, if any, is dealt as per provisions of the contract.
