

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 258
ANSWERED ON 24.03.2023

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

*258 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of Vande Bharat trains that plied on various rail routes in the country during 2022-23, route-wise;
- (b) whether Government has plans to build 500 Vande Bharat trains during 2023-24;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, along with the budget allocated for the same;
- (d) whether Government would introduce Vande Bharat trains from New Delhi to Ballia in Uttar Pradesh and Buxar in Bihar during 2023-24; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(a) to (e) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 258 BY SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 24.03.2023 REGARDING VANDE BHARAT TRAINS.

(a) to (c) The following 08 pairs of Vande Bharat train services have been operationalised on the Indian Railways' network during 2022-23 :-

1. 20901/20902 Mumbai Central - Gandhinagar Capital Express
2. 22447/22448 New Delhi - Amb Andaura Express
3. 20607/20608 MGR Chennai - Mysuru Express
4. 20825/20826 Bilaspur - Nagpur Express
5. 22301/22302 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Express
6. 20833/20834 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Express
7. 22223/22224 CSMT - Sainagar Shirdi Express
8. 22225/22226 Solapur – CSMT Express

These are in addition to the first two Vande Bharat services viz. 22435/22436 Varanasi- New Delhi Express and 22439/22440 New Delhi – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express which were operationalised during the calendar year 2019.

Indian Railways (IR) have planned to manufacture 75 Vande-Bharat Chair Car Trains to connect different parts of the country. Further, in the Budget 2022-2023, announcement has been made regarding development and manufacture of four hundred new-generation Vande Bharat Trains. In the Budget 2023-2024, an amount of ₹4254.15 cr has been allocated for manufacturing of Vande Bharat rakes.

(d) and (e) At present, no such immediate proposals are under consideration. However, introduction of Vande Bharat Express services, is an ongoing process on IR subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of rolling stock etc.
