

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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SPEED OF LONG DISTANCE TRAINS

1101 # SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any plan to increase the speed of long distance trains and introduce new passenger trains in the country, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is proposed to introduce new high speed trains from Rajasthan under the scheme, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is also proposed to introduce Vande Bharat, Durgam Cheruvu trains from Jodhpur division to metro cities like Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, etc.; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and by when these train would be introduced?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Speeding up of trains is a constant endeavour and a continuous process on Indian Railways(IR). With a view to provide faster services to the passengers, IR have undertaken rationalisation of time table in a scientific manner with the assistance of IIT-Bombay. The exercise has been undertaken *inter alia* to speed up train services by converting passenger trains to Express services and Express services to Superfast services. IR is also enhancing the number of Vande Bharat trains, which have higher speed potential.

Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries and owing to operational constraints, at present, there is no immediate proposal for introduction of a new train service including Vande Bharat and Durgam Cheruvu services, from Jodhpur. However, introduction of new trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, competing demands etc.,