GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1110 ANSWERED ON 10.02.2023

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

1110 SHRI PABITRA MARGHERITA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat trains that have been introduced so far since 2019, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has plans to introduce Vande Bharat train to the State of Assam and if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there are any plans to introduce new Vande Bharat trains in the country, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether there are any new train routes being planned to be introduced in the North-East States and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

- (a) to (d) As on 09.02.2023, Indian Railways (IR) have introduced 08 pairs of Vande Bharat Express services, as indicated below:
- 1. 22435/22436 Varanasi- New Delhi Express
- 2. 22439/22440 New Delhi Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
- 3. 20901/20902 Mumbai Central Gandhinagar Capital Express
- 4. 22447/22448 New Delhi Amb Andaura Express
- 5. 20607/08 MGR Chennai Mysuru Express
- 6. 20825/26 Bilaspur Nagpur Express
- 7. 22301/02 Howrah New Jalpaiguri Express
- 8. 20833/34 Visakhapatnam Secunderabad Express

Introduction of train services including Vande Bharat Express is an ongoing process on IR subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification etc. However, IR do not introduce train services on State-wise basis as Railways network straddle across State boundaries.