

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2038
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS LAUNCHED AND PROPOSED

2038. SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) train routes on which Vande Bharat trains have been introduced and are operational;
- (b) average capacity utilisation of each Vande Bharat train route;
- (c) profitability of each Vande Bharat train route;
- (d) new routes on which Vande Bharat trains are finalized, but await introduction;
- (e) the expected number of Vande Bharat train routes expected to be operational by April 2024;
- (f) proposed rollout of Vande Bharat trains in different States including Andhra Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh; and
- (g) whether it is a fact that there is a plan to introduce 200 Vande Bharat trains in the next few years, details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2038 BY SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.03.2023 REGARDING VANDE BHARAT TRAINS LAUNCHED AND PROPOSED.

(a) to (c) Presently, 10 pairs of Vande Bharat Express services are in operation over Indian Railways network. The average percentage occupancy of these trains during the 2022-23 (upto February, 2023) is as under:

Sl	Train no. and name	% occupancy
1	22435/22436 Varanasi- New Delhi Express	126.3%/122.0%
2	22439/22440 New Delhi – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express	106.9%/105.4%
3	20901/20902 Mumbai Central - Gandhinagar Capital Express	126.6%/128.7%
4	22447/22448 New Delhi - Amb Andaura Express	79.0%/57.4%
5	20607/20608 MGR Chennai - Mysuru Express	77.2%/67.4%
6	20825/20826 Bilaspur - Nagpur Express	54.1%/51.6%
7	22301/22302 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Express	103.2%/101.3%
8	20833/20834 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Express	106%/123%
9	22223/22224 CSMT - Sainagar Shirdi Express	78.4%/75.3%
10	22225/22226 Solapur – CSMT Express	81.3%/90.3%

On Indian Railways, Train-wise profitability is not maintained.

(d) to (g) Indian Railways 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, with better energy efficiency and passenger riding experience.

While introduction of Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways (IR) subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of rolling stock etc., train services are not introduced on State-wise basis, as Railway network straddle across state boundaries.
