

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2060**  
**ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023**

**VANDE BHARAT TRAINS**

2060. DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives of launching Vande Bharat Express trains;
- (b) the features, amenities and fare structure of Vande Bharat trains;
- (c) details of Vande Bharat trains operational across the country as on date, the details thereof;
- (d) whether Government propose to introduce 475 Vande Bharat trains in the country by 2025, if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) whether Government has floated a tender for manufacturing 200 new rakes of new generation Vande Bharat trains, if so, the details thereof, including the cost and timelines for the completion of the project?

**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.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2060 BY DR. DHARMASTHALA VEERENDRA HEGGADE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 17.03.2023 REGARDING VANDE BHARAT TRAINS.**

(a) to (c) Vande Bharat Express services aim at providing faster and better travel experience to the passengers. Presently, the following 10 pairs of Vande Bharat train services are operational on the Indian Railways' network:-

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. 20607/20608 MGR Chennai - Mysuru Express
6. 20825/20826 Bilaspur - Nagpur Express
7. 22301/22302 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Express
8. 20833/20834 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Express
9. 22223/22224 CSMT - Sainagar Shirdi Express
10. 22225/22226 Solapur – CSMT Express

These Vande Bharat services have ultra modern features like faster acceleration, better ride comfort, on board infotainment and Global Positioning System (GPS) based passenger information system, automatic doors, retractable footsteps and Zero discharge vacuum bio toilets etc.

The Point-to-Point fare of Vande Bharat Express is calculated based on basic fare table notified for Vande Bharat trains. Other charges like reservation fee, superfast surcharge, catering charge and Goods and Services tax etc as applicable are levied separately. Basic fare of Vande Bharat Express in AC chair car is 1.4 times of basic fare of AC chair car of Shatabdi train and in Executive class is 1.3 times of basic fare of executive class of Shatabdi train services.

(d) 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, during the next three years.

(e) Yes, Sir. A tender has been opened on 30.11.2022 for manufacture of 200 Vande Bharat trains at an estimated cost of ₹26,000 Crore for supply portion. This tender is under evaluation

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