

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2073
ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023

OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

2073. SHRI ELAMARAM KAREEM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) number of Vande Bharat Trains which are operating in India at present, the details of start of operation and route;
- (b) number of more such trains expected to operate in 2023 and on which routes they are planned to be operated;
- (c) the production capacity for producing Vande Bharat coaches in coach factories; and
- (d) how many trains can be made operational in a year and how Railways is planning to improve the same, using the present capacity?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Details of the 10 pairs of Vande Bharat train services operational on Indian Railways (IR) network is as under:

1. 22435/22436 Varanasi- New Delhi Express (w.e.f. 15.02.2019)
2. 22439/22440 New Delhi – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express (w.e.f. 03.10.2019)
3. 20901/20902 Mumbai Central - Gandhinagar Capital Express (w.e.f. 30.09.2022)
4. 22447/22448 New Delhi - Amb Andaura Express (w.e.f. 13.10.2022)
5. 20607/20608 MGR Chennai - Mysuru Express (w.e.f. 12.11.2022)
6. 20825/20826 Bilaspur - Nagpur Express (w.e.f. 11.12.2022)
7. 22301/22302 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Express (w.e.f. 30.12.2022)
8. 20833/20834 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Express (w.e.f. 15.01.2023)
9. 22223/22224 CSMT - Sainagar Shirdi Express (w.e.f. 10.02.2023)
10. 22225/22226 Solapur – CSMT Express (w.e.f. 10.02.2023)

Indian Railways Production Units (PUs) have the capability to manufacture about 7500 coaches per annum including Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB), Vande Bharat Electric Multiple Unit (EMU), Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) etc. Introduction of train services including Vande Bharat Express is an ongoing process on IR subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification etc.
