

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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REPLACING OLDER TRAINS WITH VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

3478 SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Vande Bharat trains are considered to be superior to conventional trains due to the use of better suspension technologies;
- (b) whether the Government proposes to replace older trains with faster ones like Vande Bharat trains;
- (c) whether Government has identified routes for the deployment of faster trains to reduce travel time; and
- (d) if so, the details of the routes identified for deployment, State-wise and the time frame for its implementation ?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) Yes, Sir. The new Vande Bharat Trains with enhanced safety features, better ride index and passenger amenities have been successfully introduced over Indian Railways.
- (b) to (d) The 10 pairs of Vande Bharat services, operationalised, as of 27th March, 2023, have been introduced as new services on their respective sectors and are not replacement of existing services. Further, introduction of new trains, including Vande Bharat services, and replacement/rationalisation of services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of rolling stock etc. However, new trains are not introduced on State-wise basis, as Railway network straddle across state boundaries.
