

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3479
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UPGRADATION OF URBAN PUBLIC TRANSPORT BY VANDE METRO TRAINS

3479 SHRI JAGGESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government proposes to connect short distance cities by replacing older trains with faster ones like Vande Bharat trains to save travel time and to ease vehicular traffic;
- (b) whether Government also plans to upgrade its urban public transport infrastructure by deploying short-distance variant of the indigenous Vande Bharat trains namely Vande Metro;
- (c) whether Government has identified cities to be connected by these trains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof, and the time frame for its implementation?

ANSWER

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

(a) 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 with 8/16 cars, and replacement/rationalisation of services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of rolling stock etc..
