

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1095
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

OPERATION AND OCCUPANCY OF VANDE BHARAT TRAIN

1095 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of Vande Bharat trains made operational in 2023 till July, 2023 on various routes in the country;
- (b) the details of occupancy rates in various Vande Bharat trains since January, 2023 till date, month-wise and route-wise;
- (c) the details of highest occupancy routes in respect of all category of trains in the country; and
- (d) the details of Vande Bharat trains proposed to be made operational during the coming months in the country, route-wise?

ANSWER

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1095 BY SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 28.07.2023 REGARDING OPERATION AND OCCUPANCY OF VANDE BHARAT TRAIN

(a) to (d): As on 24.07.2023, 50 Vande Bharat services are plying on different routes of Indian Railways. During the period from 01.01.2023 till 07.07.2023, 36 Vande Bharat services have been introduced which are in addition to the already existing 14 Vande Bharat services, thereby now serving **all** States of India having Broad Gauge electrified network. Besides, introduction of Vande Bharat services is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification etc.

These trains have been introduced spanning across different time periods/dates on different routes during the last six months period. During the period from January, 2023 to June, 2023, the overall month-wise approximate average occupancy of all Vande Bharat Express trains has been as under: -

Month	Overall approximate average percentage occupancy of Vande Bharat Express trains
January, 2023	92%
February, 2023	92%
March, 2023	89%
April, 2023	91%
May, 2023	105%
June, 2023	101%

On Indian Railways, demand pattern of reserved accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. Moreover, trains running on some popular routes are generally well patronized for entire leg of the route or part thereof. The overall average occupancy of reserved trains on Indian Railway network during financial year 2022-23 and 2023-24 (upto June) has been more than 100%.
