

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1905
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023

LAUNCHING OF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS

1905 SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the events organized and agencies hired for the launch of Vande Bharat Express trains in the last five years;
- (b) the details of total funds allocated and utilised for the launch of Vande Bharat trains, event-wise;
- (c) the details of the total number of coaches in the Vande Bharat trains, train-wise;
- (d) the details of the number of passengers who travelled by Vande Bharat trains, during last one year, month-wise; and
- (e) the details of utilisation of Vande Bharat train during the above-mentioned period?

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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1905 BY SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2023 REGARDING LAUNCHING OF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS

(a) and (b) Inaugural functions are organized for various purposes such as laying of foundation stone of new assets, upon commissioning of lines and facilities/utilities, dedication to the nation of the project, flagging off of new trains etc. For new stoppages of trains, some functions are also organized by appropriate public representatives or dignitaries of State and Central Government. Most of the functions are organized for a combination of events. Wide publicity is given to these functions so that passengers know about the services and utilize them fully. Agencies are empanelled with Indian Railways at the level of Zonal Railways.

(c) The details of the total number of coaches in the Vande Bharat trains, train-wise;

Sl.	Train Number	Car/ Coach
1	22435 Varanasi- New Delhi	16
2	22436 New Delhi-Varanasi	16
3	22439 New Delhi – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra	16
4	22440 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra-New Delhi	16
5	20901 Mumbai Central-Gandhinagar Capital	16
6	20902 Gandhinagar Capital-Mumbai Central	16
7	22447 New Delhi-Amb Andaura	16
8	22448 Amb Andaura-New Delhi	16
9	20607 MGR Chennai-Mysuru	16
10	20608 Mysuru-MGR Chennai	16
11	20825 Bilaspur-Nagpur	8
12	20826 Nagpur-Bilaspur	8
13	22301 Howrah-New Jalpaiguri	16
14	22302 New Jalpaiguri-Howrah	16
15	20833 Visakhapatnam – Secunderabad	16
16	20834 Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam	16
17	22223 Mumbai CST – Sainagar Shirdi Vande	16
18	22224 Sainagar Shirdi-Mumbai CST	16
19	22225 Mumbai CST – Solapur	16
20	22226 Solapur-Mumbai CST	16

21	20171 Rani Kamlapati-Nizamuddin	16
22	20172 Nizamuddin-Rani Kamlapati	16
23	20643 Chennai -Coimbatore	8
24	20644 Coimbatore – Chennai	8
25	20701 Secunderabad-Tirupati	16
26	20702 Tirupati-Secunderabad	16
27	20977 Ajmer- Delhi Cantt	16
28	20978 Delhi Cantt-Ajmer	16
29	20633 Kasaragod -Thiruvananthpuram	16
30	20634 Thiruvananthpuram - Kasaragod	16
31	22895 Howrah - Puri	16
32	22896 Puri-Howrah	16
33	22457 Anand Vihar -Dehradun	8
34	22458 Dehradun-Anand Vihar	8
35	22227 New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati	8
36	22228 Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri	8
37	22229 Mumbai CST-Madgaon	8
38	22230 Madgaon- Mumbai CST	8
39	20911 Indore - Bhopal	8
40	20912 Bhopal- Indore	8
41	20173 Rani Kamlapati-Jabalpur	8
42	20174 Jabalpur- Rani Kamlapati	8
43	22349 Patna - Ranchi	8
44	22350 Ranchi- Patna	8
45	20661 Bengaluru-Dharwar	8
46	20662 Dharwar-Bengaluru	8
47	22549 Gorakhpur-Lucknow	8
48	22550 Lucknow -Gorakhpur	8
49	12461 Jodhpur-Sabarmati	8
50	12462 Sabarmati- Jodhpur	8

(d) and (e) The overall utilization of Vande Bharat Express trains during the financial year 2022-23 and the current financial year 2023-24 (upto June 2023) have been 96.62% and 99.60% respectively. The corresponding number of passengers who undertook journeys by these trains during this period were 318541 & 2839610 respectively.
