

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1910**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023**

**STONE PELTING INCIDENTS ON VANDE BHARAT TRAINS**

1910 # SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat trains introduced in the country till date, station- wise details thereof;
- (b) the number of incidents of stone pelting on Vande Bharat trains till date; and
- (c) the action taken against the stone pelters, state-wise details thereof?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) As on 01st August, 2023, 50 Vande Bharat train services are running across the Indian Railways, connecting states having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. These are operational between New Delhi-Varanasi, New Delhi – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Mumbai Central- Gandhinagar Capital, New Delhi-Amb Andaura, MGR Chennai- Mysuru, Bilaspur-Nagpur, Howrah-New Jalpaiguri, Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad, Mumbai- Sri Sainagar Shirdi, Mumbai-Solapur, Rani Kamalapati-Nizamuddin, Secunderabad-Tirupati, MGR Chennai- Coimbatore, Ajmer-Delhi Cantt., Kasaragod - Thiruvananthapuram, Howrah- Puri, Anand Vihar (T)- Dehradun, New Jalpaiguri - Guwahati, CSMT-Madgaon, Indore-Bhopal, Jabalpur- Rani Kamalapati, KSR Bengaluru City–Dharwad, Patna-Ranchi, Gorakhpur-Lucknow, Jodhpur- Ahmedabad (Sabarmati) stations.

(b) and (c) ‘Police’ and ‘Public Order’ are State subjects under the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and, therefore, State Governments are responsible for prevention, detection, registration and investigation of crime and maintenance of law and order on Railways through their law enforcement agencies viz. Government Railway Police (GRP)/District Police. Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of GRP/District Police to provide better protection and security to railway property, passenger area and passengers and for matters connected therewith.

During the years 2019 to 2023 (up to June), 283 incidents of pelting stone on Vande Bharat trains were reported over the Indian Railways in which 151 persons have been arrested followed by a legal course of action.

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