

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2664  
ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

**INAUGURATION PROGRAMMES OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS**

2664 SHRI NARAIN DASS GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat Trains started so far in the country, the details thereof;
- (b) whether it is a fact that decoration related work regarding inauguration of these Trains was entrusted to private companies, if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether the Railways, themselves is not capable for undertaking such decorative work; and
- (d) if not, the details of payments made to private companies so far for doing such decorative work for Vande Bharat Train inauguration?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) As on 8<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, 50 Vande Bharat train services are operational across the Indian Railways network connecting States having Broad Gauge (BG) electrified network. Arrangements for convenience and security of people gathered on the occasion and satisfactory conduct of the inauguration were made by utilizing the available resources of concerning Zonal Railway within the budget allotted to the Zonal Railways.

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