

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2701  
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**VANDE BHARAT TRAINS FOR THE STATE OF CHHATTISGARH**

2701 SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Vande Bharat Trains operational in the country;
- (b) the details of such trains, State/UT-wise;
- (c) whether it is a fact that the Bilaspur-Nagpur Vande Bharat train was recently discontinued for a while;
- (d) if so, the reasons therefor;
- (e) the measures being taken with respect to augmenting connectivity of the State of Chhattisgarh with Vande Bharat Trains; and
- (f) the proposed measures to be taken in this regard?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f) Railway network straddle across State/district boundaries, trains are introduced across State/district boundaries as per network requirement. As on 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2023, 50 Vande Bharat train services are running across Indian Railways (IR), connecting States having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network, which include 2 Vande Bharat services, connecting stations located in the State of Chhattisgarh. Owing to operational reasons, the Bilaspur-Nagpur and Nagpur-Bilaspur service were operated with Tejas rakes for 3 days. Besides, introduction of new Vande Bharat services, to enhance connectivity, is an on-going process on IR subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.

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