

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2705**  
**ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

**VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TO BELAGAVI**

2705 SHRI IRANNA KADADI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has identified the specific technical difficulties that have hindered the extension of Vande Bharat Express to Belagavi, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has any plan of action to overcome the technical difficulties that have hindered the extension of Vande Bharat Express to Belagavi, if so, the detail thereof;
- (c) whether Government has any plan to run Vande Bharat trains between Belagavi to Mumbai and Bangalore, if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) whether Government has detail on the electrification of routes with all minor and major stations connecting Belagavi and if so, details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Belagavi is connected to Mumbai area and Bengaluru area by 11 pairs and 15 pairs of train services respectively. However, introduction of new trains including Vande Bharat trains services and extension of existing train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.

Presently, the entire 610 km stretch of the Belagavi-Bengaluru sector is electrified, while 505 Km out of 596 Km of Mumbai-Belagavi route is electrified.

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