

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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MOBILITY OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

297 SHRI VIKRAMJIT SINGH SAHNEY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware that many Vande Bharat including Indore-Bhopal Vande Bharat trains are running mostly vacant as per their capacities;
- (b) whether Government is considering conducting some impact assessment to check the mobility success of various Vande Bharat trains;
- (c) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether Ministry is planning to run Vande-Bharat Express from New Delhi to Amritsar; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) During financial year 2022-23 and 2023-24 (upto June 2023), the overall utilization of Vande Bharat trains was 96.62 % and 99.60% respectively. Further, on Indian Railways, occupancy pattern of trains is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. During peak rush periods, the occupancy of the trains especially on popular routes remains full whereas during lean period and on less popular routes, there is sub optimal utilization.

Waiting list position of all the trains running on Indian Railways is monitored on regular basis and based on demand pattern, requisite changes in quota distribution, coach composition, etc. are made subject to operational feasibility.

(d) & (e) At present, 21 pairs of trains are available between New Delhi and Amritsar including Shatabdi Express. However, introduction of train services including Vande Bharat train is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility & availability of resources.
