

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1572**  
**ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023**

**VANDE SADHARAN TRAIN TO TAMIL NADU**

1572 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:  
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways have conducted trial run of Vande Sadharan train, non-AC superfast train for the common people;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it will have sleeper and general class accommodation for poor people like labourers, farmers etc., and the fare comparable with Express trains, if so, the details thereof;

(d) the routes where Vande Sadharan trains are proposed to be introduced and whether it would cover Tamil Nadu also; and

(e) if so, by when these trains are proposed to be introduced?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Indian Railways has no Vande Sadharan Train.

As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains services are introduced, as per network requirement, cutting across such boundaries. However, Introduction of train services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.

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