

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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SLEEPER CLASS ACCOMMODATION IN VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS

1389 SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has any specific plan and timeline for introducing sleeper class accommodations in the Vande Bharat Express trains, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the current status of designing and manufacturing sleeper class coaches for Vande Bharat Express trains; and
- (c) the steps that Government is taking to ensure that sleeper class accommodations in Vande Bharat Express trains meet the comfort, safety, and accessibility standards expected by passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) As on 29th July, 2024, 102 Chair Car Variant of Vande Bharat services are operational across the Indian Railways, connecting states having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. Design of Vande Bharat sleeper variant has been completed and currently the first prototype 16 - Car Vande Bharat Sleeper is under manufacture. In addition to the Standards of the Chair Car variants, the Sleeper Variants have been designed with features like- Ergonomically designed ladders and berths, improved ducting for flow of Air conditioning, CCTV and GPS based passenger information system, improved thermal and noise insulation, Coaches provided with Crash Energy Management system to reduce damages during untoward incidents, fire retardant materials for interiors, accommodation and accessible toilet for Passengers with Restricted Mobility (PRM) in the driving coaches, etc.
