

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 282
ANSWERED ON 20.12.2024

OPERATIONALISATION OF ADDITIONAL VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

*282 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plans to introduce Vande Bharat trains in more routes for the benefit of commuters, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the total number of Vande Bharat trains currently operational in different States;
- (c) the details of such additional trains proposed to be operated in the coming years; and
- (d) whether Government has any plans to reduce the ticket fare in Vande Bharat trains for the benefit of poor and middle class people in the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 282 BY SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 20.12.2024 REGARDING OPERATIONALISATION OF ADDITIONAL VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

(a) to (d) As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. As on 16th December, 2024, 136 Vande Bharat train services are operational across the Indian Railways, connecting States having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified Railway network. Besides, introduction of new train services including Vande Bharat services, is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.

The overall occupancy of Vande Bharat Express trains during 2024-25 (upto October, 24) is more than 100%. However, fare rationalisation of trains on Indian Railways is a continuous and on-going process based on traffic requirements, etc.
