

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1379**  
**ANSWERED ON 06.12.2024**

**PLANS TO INTRODUCE VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER EXPRESS**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is planning to introduce the Vande Bharat Sleeper Express in select routes covering cities 800-1200 kms apart in the country by December 2024, if so the details thereof;
- (b) whether Government has plans to manufacture the Vande Bharat Sleeper express trainsets indigenously or planning to import;
- (c) the total estimate cost incurred for the manufacture of one Vande Bharat Sleeper express trainset; and
- (d) whether it is a fact that Government wants to replace the Rajdhani express trains and Shatabdi express trains with the newly designed Vande Bharat Sleeper express trainset?

**ANSWER**

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

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(a) to (d) As on 02<sup>nd</sup> December, 2024, 136 Vande Bharat train services, having Chair Cars, are operational on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways, which have been introduced without replacement of existing services.

The Vande Bharat Sleeper Express trainset coaches have been developed indigenously in the country. Further, the cost incurred on any train varies depending upon the composition of the train, type of coaches/propulsion system and length of the train.

Furthermore, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat services and its variants, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.

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