

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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GOVERNMENT PROPOSAL OF VANDE METRO ROUTES IN WEST BENGAL

2210 SHRI SAMIK BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the reasons as to why Government has not proposed any Vande Metro routes in West Bengal despite the State having one of the largest suburban railway networks in the country;
- (b) whether there is a timeline for the inclusion of West Bengal in future phases of Vande Metro project, given the State's significant commuter traffic; and
- (c) the criteria used by Government to select the initial routes for Vande Metro and status of West Bengal on these parameters?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) As railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. Presently, newly developed Namo Bharat Rapid Rail viz. 94801/94802 Ahmedabad-Bhuj Namo Bharat Rapid Rail is being operated by Indian Railways. Besides, introduction of train services, including Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources etc.
