

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3005
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VANDE BHARAT RAIL FOR MAHARASHTRA AND GUJARAT

3005 DR. MEDHA VISHRAM KULKARNI:
SHRI BABUBHAI JESANGBHAI DESAI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Vande Bharat trains currently running across India;
- (b) whether Government has any specific plans to expand the Vande Bharat Rail network in Maharashtra and Gujarat;
- (c) if so, the timeline and routes planned for new trains to enhance connectivity and reduce travel time within and outside Maharashtra and Gujarat; and
- (d) the steps being taken to ensure timely implementation of these plans?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Presently, 136 Vande Bharat train services are operational across Indian Railways, connecting States having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. Of these, 22 Vande Bharat services, on origination-termination basis, are catering to the needs of the stations located in the State of Maharashtra while 08 Vande Bharat services are catering to the needs of the stations located in the State of Gujarat. Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat Express services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
