

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**PASSENGER REVENUE FROM VANDE BHARAT
EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES IN KERALA**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of net earnings and passenger revenue from Vande Bharat express train services serving Kerala since their introduction;
- (b) the details of stations that record the maximum number of passengers boarding various Vande Bharat express trains in Kerala for the same period as above, division-wise;
- (c) the steps being taken to meet the increased demand from commuters for Vande Bharat express trains in Kerala; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d): On Indian Railways, occupancy pattern of trains is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. During peak rush periods, the occupancy of the trains especially on popular routes remains full whereas during lean period and on less popular routes, there is sub optimal utilization. Further, the occupancy of both the pairs of Vande Bharat Express trains serving the Railway stations falling in the State of Kerala is more than 100%. However, train-wise figures of revenue and expenses is not maintained.

As the Railway network straddles across state/district boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, as on 17th March, 2025, 136 Vande Bharat trains services are being operated on the Indian Railways network. Of these, 4 Vande Bharat train services viz. 20631/20632 Mangaluru Central – Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express (introduced w.e.f. 24.09.2023) and 20633/20634 Kasaragod – Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express (introduced w.e.f. 25.04.2023), on originating/terminating basis, are catering to the needs of passengers of Kerala. Besides, introduction of new train services including Vande Bharat train services is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.
