## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

# RAJYA SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2509 ANSWERED ON 21.03.2025

#### VANDE BHARAT METRO TRAINS IN TAMIL NADU

#### 2509 SHRI R. GIRIRAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has plans to introduce Vande metro trains from Chennai and other metro cities in Tamil Nadu, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the total number of Vande Bharat trains currently operational in different States of the country; and
- (c) 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 and if so, the details thereof?

## **ANSWER**

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

## (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Presently, 136 Vande Bharat services are operating on the Indian Railways(IR) network. Railway network straddles across State boundaries. Accordingly, trains are introduced across such boundaries as per network requirement. At present, on originating/terminating basis, 16 Vande Bharat trains are catering to the needs of various stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu.

To revolutionize the travelling experience of suburban and regional commuters, IR have introduced Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services, which have prominent features like Centrally controlled Double Leaf Automatic Sliding Doors, CCTVs for safety and passenger surveillance, Mobile charging sockets, Fire Detection System, Continuous LED lighting with Energy Efficient Lighting system, Emergency Talk System, Modular interior with Cushioned Seats and Sealed Flexible Gangway, FRP Modular Toilets with vacuum evacuation, etc.. Presently, 2 Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services are being operated on the Indian Railways(IR) network.

Besides, introduction of new train services including Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services is an ongoing process on IR subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

The fares of various trains / classes including Vande Bharat is based on the services/facilities provided in these trains. IR run various types of train services for different types of passenger segments. Evaluation and rationalization of passenger fares, including those of Vande Bharat trains, is a continuous and on-going process.

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