

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

603 # SHRI BABURAM NISHAD:
SHRI MADAN RATHORE:
SHRI NARHARI AMIN:
SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat trains operated so far and their number particularly in Karnataka;
- (b) the total occupancy rate of these trains during the last financial year; and
- (c) the number of Vande Bharat sleeper trains that would be operational by the end of this calendar year?

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. As on 31st January, 2025, 136 Vande Bharat train services, having Chair Cars, are operational on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways. Of these, 20 Vande Bharat train services on originating/terminating basis are catering to the stations located in the State of Karnataka. Besides, 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.

On Indian Railways, demand pattern of reserved accommodation is not uniform and it varies over lean and peak periods. However, the overall occupancy of Vande Bharat trains during financial year 2023-24 was approximately 95%, whereas that during the financial year 2024-25 (upto December, 2024) is approximately 100%.
