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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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INTRODUCTION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS FROM CHENNAI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Union Government has plan to introduce Vande metro trains from Chennai to Vellore, Chennai-Villupuram and other metro cities in Tamil Nadu, and if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the details of the total number of Vande Bharat trains currently operational in different States in the country, including Tamil Nadu; and
- (c) whether Government has any plan to operate cost effective Vande Metro trains for the benefit of poor and middle class people in the country, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced across such boundaries as per network requirement.

Presently, 04 Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services and 144 Vande Bharat services are operational on the Indian Railways (IR) network which include the following 16 Vande Bharat services, catering to the needs of various stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu on originating/terminating basis.

- (i) 20607/20608 MGR Chennai Central - Mysuru Vande Bharat Express.
- (ii) 20643/20644 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express.
- (iii) 20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Express.
- (iv) 20677/20678 MGR Chennai Central - Vijayawada Vande Bharat Express.
- (v) 20641/20642 Bengaluru Cantt. - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express.
- (vi) 20663/20664 Mysuru - MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express.
- (vii) 20627/20628 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express.
- (viii) 20671/20672 Madurai - Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express.

Chennai – Vellore and Chennai – Villupuram sectors are being served by 61 pairs and 52 pairs, each including 02 pairs of Vande Bharat train services.

Besides, introduction of train services including Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services, is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.
