

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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TENDER FOR VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER COACHES

759 SHRI SAKET GOKHALE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the tender for Vande Bharat Sleeper coaches, awarded to JV company Kinet for purchase of 120 trains of 16 cars each, has now been revised to purchase of 80 trains consisting of 24 cars each, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (b) the design changes that have been proposed and whether these changes will require the signing of a new additional agreement; and
- (c) whether the estimated deadline of delivery of the first prototype of these trains is September 2025 or whether it has been revised, If so, the reasons for it and the new estimated delivery date?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): With a view to provide better travel experience to the passengers, Indian Railways introduced first-ever indigenously designed and manufactured semi-high speed Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities.

Vande Bharat Sleeper trains have been planned for long and medium distance journey. Design of trains to be manufactured by Indian Railways has been finalized. At present, 10 Vande Bharat Sleeper trains are under production. Further production of 50 Vande Bharat Sleeper rakes has been taken up by Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai.

In addition, Contracts for manufacturing of 200 Vande Bharat Sleeper rakes have also been awarded to Technology Partners, out of which, M/s KINET Railway Solutions Limited is required to supply 120 trains of 16 cars each. This is as per the original contract agreement.

Design & Manufacture of coaches including Vande Bharat is a continuous process on Indian Railways and is undertaken based on operational and traffic requirement.
