

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2359**  
**ANSWERED ON 19.12.2025**

**STATUS OF OPERATING VANDE BHARAT TRAINS**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of vande bharat express running in the country;
- (b) the number of places in the country where the Vande bharat express trains are manufactured;
- (c) whether Government would consider to offer reservation to the locals in all technical recruitments in Railways where the coaches are being manufactured; and
- (d) whether Government will furnish the details of staff recruited both regular as well as on contract basis in the Southern railway during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
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(a) to (d) Indian Railways have introduced Vande Bharat services which are semi-high speed trains and are aimed to provide better travel experience and improved safety to the passengers. These services are equipped with enhanced safety features and modern passenger amenities like-

- KAVACH system
- Faster acceleration
- Fully Sealed Gangway
- Automatic Plug Doors
- Better Ride Comfort
- Mini Pantry with provision of Hot Case
- Bottle Cooler
- Deep freezer & Hot water Boiler
- Reclining Ergonomic Seats
- Comfortable Seating with revolving seats in executive class
- Mobile charging sockets for every seat
- Special lavatory for Divyangjan passengers in Driving Trailer Car(DTC),
- CCTVs, etc.

Presently, 164 Vande Bharat train services are operational on the various sectors of the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways (IR), as listed below:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Train Number and Name</b>
1	22435/22436 New Delhi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
2	22439/22440 New Delhi - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
3	20901/20902 Mumbai Central - Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express
4	22447/22448 New Delhi - Amb Andaura Vande Bharat Express
5	20607/20608 MGR Chennai Central - Mysuru Vande Bharat Express
6	20825/20826 Bilaspur - Nagpur Vande Bharat Express
7	22301/22302 Howrah - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express
8	20833/20834 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
9	22223/22224 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Sai Nagar Shirdi Vande Bharat Express
10	22225/22226 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Solapur jn. Vande Bharat Express
11	20171/20172 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Rani Kamlapati Vande Bharat Express
12	20977/20978 Ajmer - Chandigarh Vande Bharat Express
13	20643/20644 Chennai Central - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
14	20633/20634 Kasargod - Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express
15	20701/20702 Secunderabad - Tirupati Vande Bharat Express
16	22895/22896 Howrah - Puri Vande Bharat Express
17	22457/22458 Anand vihar - Dehradun Vande Bharat Express
18	22227/22228 New Jalpaiguri - Guwahati Vande Bharat Express
19	20911/20912 Indore - Nagpur Vande Bharat Express
20	20173/20174 Rani Kamlapati - Rewa Vande Bharat Express
21	20661/20662 KSR Bengaluru - Dharwad Vande Bharat Express
22	22349/22350 Patna - Ranchi Vande Bharat Express
23	22229/22230 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Madgaon Vande Bharat Express
24	12461/12462 Jodhpur - Sabarmati Vande Bharat Express
25	22549/22550 Gorakhpur - Prayagraj Vande Bharat Express

26	20835/20836 Rourkela - Puri Vande Bharat Express
27	20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Triunelveli Vande Bharat Express
28	20631/20632 Mangaluru - Thiruvananthpuram Vande Bharat Express
29	20677/20678 MGR Chennai - Vijayawada jn. Vande Bharat Express
30	20979/20980 Udaipur - Jaipur Vande Bharat Express
31	20703/20704 Kacheguda - Yesvantpur Vande Bharat Express
32	20897/20898 Howrah - Ranchi Vande Bharat Express
33	22347/22348 Howrah - Patna Vande Bharat Express
34	22487/22488 Amritsar jn. - Delhi Vande Bharat Express
35	20646/20645 Mangalore central - Madgaon Vande Bharat Express
36	20705/20706 Huzur Sahib Nanded - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
37	20642/20641 Coimbatore Jn. - Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
38	22426/22425 Anand Vihar(T) - Ayodhya Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
39	22415/22416 Varanasi - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
40	22477/22478 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
41	22961/22962 Ahmedabad - Mumbai Central Vande Bharat Express
42	20707/20708 Secunderabad - Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
43	20663/20664 Mysuru - MGR Chennai Vande Bharat Express
44	22345/22346 Patna - Gomtinagar Vande Bharat Express
45	22233/22234 New Jalpaiguri - Patna Vande Bharat Express
46	20841/20842 Bhubaneshwar - Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
47	22545/22546 Lucknow - Dehradun Vande Bharat Express
48	22231/22232 Kalaburagi - SMVT Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express
49	22470/22469 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Khajuraho Vande Bharat Express
50	20887/20888 Ranchi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
51	22925/22926 Ahmedabad - Okha Vande Bharat Express
52	20627/20628 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil jn. Vande Bharat Express

53	20671/20672 Madurai - Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
54	22489/22490 Varanasi - Meerut City Vande Bharat Express
55	20101/20102 Nagpur - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
56	22499/22500 Varanasi - Deoghar Vande Bharat Express
57	20893/20894 Tatanagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express
58	22303/22304 Howrah - Gaya Vande Bharat Express
59	21893/21894 Tatanagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express
60	21895/21896 Tatanagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express
61	20981/20982 Udaipur City - Agra cantt. Vande Bharat Express
62	20891/20892 Tatanagar - Brahmapur Vande Bharat Express
63	20871/20872 Howrah - Rourkela Vande Bharat Express
64	20829/20830 Durg - Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
65	20175/20176 Banaras - Agra Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
66	20669/20670 Hubballi - Pune jn. Vande Bharat Express
67	20673/20674 Kolhapur SCSM Terminus - Pune jn. Vande Bharat Express
68	22309/22310 Howrah - Jamalpur Vande Bharat Express
69	26901/26902 Sabarmati - Veraval Vande Bharat Express
70	26401/26402 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Srinagar Vande Bharat Express
71	26403/26404 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Srinagar Vande Bharat Express
72	26501/26502 Gorakhpur - Patliputra Vande Bharat Express
73	26101/26102 Pune - Ajni (Nagpur) Vande Bharat Express
74	26751/26752 Belagavi - Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express
75	26405/26406 Amritsar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
76	26301/26302 Jogbani - Danapur Vande Bharat Express
77	26503/26504 Saharanpur - Gomtinagar Vande Bharat Express
78	26481/26482 Jodhpur - Delhi Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
79	26471/26472 Bikaner - Delhi Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
80	26651/26652 Bengaluru - Ernakulam Vande Bharat Express

81	26461/26462 Delhi - Firozpur cantt. Vande Bharat Express
82	26506 / 26505 Banaras - Khajuraho Vande Bharat Express

The Vande Bharat trains are manufactured at the following Indian Railways production units:

- (i) Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai
- (ii) Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala
- (iii) Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Raebareli

Indian Railways is also manufacturing these train sets in collaboration with BEML and other technology partners.

### **Recruitment**

Railways, being Central Government organization conduct recruitment on all India basis. This is in line with Constitutional provision of right to equality in matters of public employment. Every candidate irrespective of gender, language, place of birth, region etc. fulfilling eligibility criteria is free to apply. All those who apply in response to Centralised Employment Notifications (CENs), including local candidates are considered for recruitment on the Railways, on equal footing. No preference is given to candidates belonging to any State or Region nor is the recruitment restricted to any State or Region.

Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are continuous processes on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. Adequate and suitable manpower is provided to cater to the regular operations, changes in technology, mechanisations and innovative practices. The vacancies are filled up primarily by placement of indents by Railways with Recruitment agencies as per operational and technological requirements.

As per Annual Calendar 2024 and 2025, recruitment of 1,20,579 vacancies has been taken up on Indian Railways including Zonal Railways and Production Units.

During January to December 2024, ten Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 92,116 vacancies were notified for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots (ALPs), Technicians including Technician Grade-I Signal, Sub-Inspectors, Constables in Railway Protection Force (RPF), Junior Engineers (JEs)/ Depot Material Superintendent (DMS)/ Chemical & Metallurgical Assistant (CMA), Paramedical Categories, Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate-including Station Master), Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under-Graduate), Ministerial & Isolated Categories and Level-1 categories such as Assistants, Track Maintainers and Pointsman.

First stage/Single stage Computer Based Tests (CBTs) for 59,678 posts has been completed.

Details are as under:-

<b>Exam</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Cities</b>	<b>Languages</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Stage CBT for the post of ALP (18,799 vacancies)	18,40,347	156	15
CBT for the post of Technician (14,298 vacancies - including Technician Grade-I Signal)	26,99,892	139	15
1 <sup>st</sup> Stage CBT for the post of JE/DMS/CMA (7,951 vacancies)	11,01,266	146	15
CBT for the post of RPF-SI (452 vacancies)	15,35,635	143	15
CBT for the post of RPF-Constable (4,208 vacancies)	45,30,288	147	15
CBT for Paramedical Categories (1,376 vacancies)	7,08,321	143	15
1 <sup>st</sup> Stage CBT for Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate- including Station Master) (8,113 vacancies)	58,41,774	141	15
1 <sup>st</sup> Stage CBT for Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under Graduate) (3,445 vacancies)	63,27,473	157	15
CBT for Ministerial & Isolated categories (1,036 vacancies)	4,46,013	139	15
<b>Total Candidates</b>	<b>2,50,31,009</b>		

2<sup>nd</sup> stage CBTs for the posts of ALP, JE/DMS/CMA and Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate) have also been completed. Details are as under: -

<b>Exam</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Cities</b>	<b>Languages</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage CBT for the post of ALP (18,799 vacancies)	2,66,363	112	15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage CBT for the post of JE/DMS/CMA (7,951 vacancies)	1,17,339	118	15
2 <sup>nd</sup> Stage CBT for Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate) (8,113 vacancies)	1,21,931	129	15
<b>Total Candidates</b>	<b>5,05,633</b>		

Computer Based Aptitude Test (CBAT) for the post of ALP has also been completed. Details are as under:-

<b>Exam</b>	<b>Candidates</b>	<b>Cities</b>	<b>Languages</b>
CBAT for the post of ALP (18,799 vacancies)	1,32,044	84	2

CBT for 32,438 vacancies for level -1 categories has commenced from 27.11.2025 in 140 cities in 15 languages. Physical Efficiency Test (PET) for 4,208 vacancies of Constable (RPF) has been completed on 06.12.2025.

Panels for more than 23,000 candidates for various posts including the posts of Technicians, Junior Engineers, Paramedical Categories, Sub-Inspectors (RPF) and Assistant Loco Pilots have been finalized. Majority of them are in safety categories.

In addition, as per Annual Calendar for the year 2025, seven Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 28,463 vacancies have also been issued. Details are as under:-

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>CEN No.</b>	<b>Post Name</b>	<b>No. of Vacancies notified</b>	<b>Month of Notification</b>
1	01/2025	Assistant Loco Pilots	9,970	March 2025
2	02/2025	Technicians (including Technician Grade-I Signal)	6,238	June 2025
3	03/2025	Para-Medical Categories	434	July 2025
4	04/2025	Section Controllers	368	August 2025
5	05/2025	Junior Engineers / Depot Material Superintendent	2,585	October 2025
6	06/2025	Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate - including Station Master)	5,810	October 2025
7	07/2025	Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under-Graduate)	3,058	October 2025

The RRB examinations are quite technical in nature entailing large scale mobilization of men and resources and training of manpower. Railway overcame all these challenges and successfully conducted the recruitment in a transparent manner following all laid down guidelines. No instance of paper leakage or similar malpractice has occurred during the entire process.

Recruitment done in Indian Railways during 2004-2005 to 2013-2014 vis-à-vis during 2014-2015 to 2024-2025 is given as under:-

<b>Period</b>	<b>Recruitments</b>
2004-2005 to 2013-2014	4.11 lakh
2014-2015 to 2024-2025	5.08 lakh

Further, as system improvement, the Ministry of Railways has introduced a system of publishing the annual calendar from 2024 for recruitment to various categories of Group 'C' posts. The introduction of the annual calendar is benefitting the aspirants in the following manner:

- More opportunities for candidates;
- Opportunities to those becoming eligible every year;
- Certainty of exams;
- Faster Recruitment process, Training and Appointments

In exigencies of work, contractual engagement is resorted to as a stop-gap arrangement till regular incumbents join the posts. Such contractual engagement is purely temporary and time-bound, and is undertaken only to ensure smooth functioning of Railway operations until posts are filled through regular selection as per extant rules and procedures.

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