

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
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EXPANSION OF RAIL SERVICES

2528# SHRI RAJENDRA GEHLOT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have expanded rail services across the country in the past five years since the Railway budget 2021, if so, the details of these services;
- (b) the facilities provided for this purpose in Rajasthan, the details thereof; and
- (c) whether the railways have received any proposal from the State Government also, if so, the details of the proposal received?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) Indian Railways (IR) constantly endeavours to augment the travelling facilities for the passengers *inter alia* by introducing new train services. Indian Railways, during the period during 2020-2021 to 2025-2026 (upto Feb, 2026), introduced 1078 new train services on its network. These services include 158 Vande Bharat (Chair Car) services, 02 Vande Bharat (Sleeper) services, 54 Amrit Bharat services and 04 Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services.

Vande Bharat services(Chair Car):

Indian Railways, with a view to improve travel experience of the passengers, have introduced indigenously designed and manufactured Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities. These Vande Bharat Chair Car Trains have following features:

- Jerk Free Semi-Permanent couplers.
- Fitted with KAVACH
- Centrally controlled Automatic Plug Doors and Fully Sealed wider gangways.
- Emergency Alarm Push buttons and Talk Back Units on all Coaches.
- Improved fire safety – Aerosol based fire detection and suppression system in electrical cabinets and lavatories.
- Higher acceleration with design/operating speed of 180/160 KMPH.
- Driver-Guard communication with voice recording facility & Crash hardened memory.

- Air conditioning units provided with indigenously developed UV-C lamp based disinfection system for deactivating 99% harmful bacteria from conditioned air to improve the hygiene standards inside the passenger area.
- Better Ride Comfort.
- CCTVs in all Coaches.
- For Divyangjan passengers special lavatory in the driving coaches on each end.
- Coach condition monitoring System (CCMS) display with remote monitoring

As on 09.03.2026, the following 162 Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car) are being operated on the Indian Railways network, as under:-

SN	Train No. and Name
1	22435/22436 New Delhi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
2	22439/22440 Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
3	20901/20902 Gandhinagar Capital - Mumbai Central Vande Bharat Express
4	22447/22448 Amb Andura - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
5	20607/20608 Mysuru - MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express
6	20825/20826 Nagpur - Bilaspur Vande Bharat Express
7	22301/22302 New Jalpaiguri - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
8	20833/20834 Secunderabad - Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
9	22223/22224 Sainagar Shirdi - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
10	22225/22226 Solapur - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
11	20171/20172 Nizamuddin - Rani Kamlapati Vande Bharat Express
12	20701/20702 Tirupati - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
13	20643/20644 Coimbatore - Chennai Vande Bharat Express
14	20977/20978 Chandigarh - Ajmer Vande Bharat Express
15	20633/20634 Thiruvananthapuram- Kasargod Vande Bharat Express
16	22895/22896 Puri - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
17	22457/22458 Dehradun - Anand Vihar Vande Bharat Express
18	22227/22228 Guwahati - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express
19	20911/20912 Nagpur - Indore Vande Bharat Express

20	22229/22230 Madgaon - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
21	22349/22350 Ranchi - Patna Vande Bharat Express
22	20661/20662 Dharwar - Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express
23	20173/20174 Rewa - Rani Kamlapati Vande Bharat Express
24	22549/22550 Gorakhpur - Prayagraj Vande Bharat Express
25	12461/12462 Sabarmati - Jodhpur Vande Bharat Express
26	22925/22926 Okha - Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express
27	20665/20666 Tirunelveli - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express
28	20677/20678 Narsapur - Chennai Vande Bharat Express
29	20703/20704 Yesvantpur - Kacheguda Vande Bharat Express
30	20631/20632 Thiruvananthapuram- Mangaluru Vande Bharat Express
31	26963/26964 Udaipur - Asarva Vande Bharat Express
32	22347/22348 Patna - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
33	20835/20836 Puri - Rourkela Vande Bharat Express
34	20897/20898 Ranchi - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
35	22415/22416 New Delhi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
36	20641/20642 Coimbatore - Bengaluru Cant Vande Bharat Express
37	20645/20646 Mangaluru - Madgaon Vande Bharat Express
38	20705/20706 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Nanded Vande Bharat Express
39	22477/22478 Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
40	22425/22426 Anand Vihar - Ayodhya Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
41	22487/22488 Amritsar - Delhi Vande Bharat Express
42	22962/22961 Mumbai Central - Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express
43	20707/20708 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
44	20663/20664 Chennai - Mysuru Vande Bharat Express
45	22233/22234 Patna - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express
46	22470/22469 Khajuraho - Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express
47	22231/22232 Bengaluru - Kalburagi Vande Bharat Express

48	20841/20842 Visakhapatnam - Bhubaneswar Vande Bharat Express
49	22345/22346 Gomti Nagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express
50	20887/20888 Varanasi - Ranchi Vande Bharat Express
51	22545/22546 Dehradun - Lucknow Jn Vande Bharat Express
52	22490/22489 Varanasi - Meerut City Vande Bharat Express
53	20627/20628 Nagercoil - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express
54	20671/20672 Bengaluru Cantt - Madurai Vande Bharat Express
55	22500/22499 Deoghar - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
56	22309/22310 Jamalpur - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
57	20871/20872 Rourkela - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
58	20893/20894 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express
59	20892/20891 Tatanagar - Brahmapur Vande Bharat Express
60	22303/22304 Gaya - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
61	20669/20670 Pune - Hubballi Vande Bharat Express
62	20673/20674 Pune - Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
63	20101/20102 Secunderabad - Nagpur Vande Bharat Express
64	20829/20830 Visakhapatnam - Durg Vande Bharat Express
65	21893/21894 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express
66	21895/21896 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express
67	20176/20175 Banaras - Agra Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
68	26901/26902 Veraval - Sabarmati Vande Bharat Express
69	26401/26402 Srinagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
70	26403/26404 Srinagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
71	26502/26501 Patliputra - Gorakhpur Vande Bharat Express
72	26751/26752 KSR Bengaluru - Belagavi Vande Bharat Express
73	26406/26405 Amritsar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
74	26101/26102 Pune - Ajni Vande Bharat Express
75	26302/26301 Jogbani - Danapur Vande Bharat Express

76	26481/26482 Delhi Cantt - Jodhpur Vande Bharat Express
77	26471/26472 Delhi Cantt - Bikaner Vande Bharat Express
78	26462/26461 Delhi - Firozpur Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
79	26651/26652 Ernakulam - KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express
80	26506/26505 Khajuraho - Banaras Vande Bharat Express
81	26504/26503 Saharanpur - Gomtinagar Vande Bharat Express

Vande Bharat Sleeper Train services:

Broad Technological advancements and safety features provided in the Vande Bharat Sleeper Trains are as below:

- Jerk-Free Semi permanent couplers and Anti Climbers.
- Fitted with KAVACH.
- Higher acceleration with design/operating speed of 180/160 KMPH.
- Crashworthy Design of Car body complying with EN standards.
- Fire barrier doors at the end of each coach for compliance of Fire Safety standards.
- Aerosol based fire detection and suppression system in electrical cabinets and lavatories.
- Regenerative braking system for energy efficiency.
- Air conditioning units provided with indigenously developed UV-C lamp based disinfection system for deactivating 99% harmful bacteria from conditioned air to improve the hygiene standards inside the passenger area.
- Centrally controlled Automatic Plug Doors and Fully Sealed wider gangways.
- CCTVs in all coaches.
- Emergency talk-back unit for communication between Passenger and Train Manager/Loco Pilot in case of emergency.
- For Divyangjan passengers special lavatory in the driving coaches on each end.
- Centralized Coach Monitoring System for better condition monitoring of passenger amenities such as Air conditioning, Saloon Lighting etc.
- Ergonomically designed ladder for ease of climbing on to upper berths.

As on 09.03.2026, the following 02 Vande Bharat Sleeper Express are being operated on the Indian Railways network, as under:-

SN	Train No. and Name
1	27575/27576 Howrah - Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express

Amrit Bharat Services

Indian Railways have developed fully non-AC modern train named as Amrit Bharat express. These modern trains comprise of 11 General Class coaches, 8 Sleeper Class coaches, 01 Pantry car and 02 Luggage cum Divyangjan coaches. These trains have following enhanced features and amenities:

- Better aesthetics of seat and berths with enhanced look & feel on the lines of Vande Bharat Sleeper.
- Jerk Free Semi-Automatic Couplers.
- Improved Crashworthiness in coaches by provision of crash tube.
- Provision of CCTV system in all coaches.
- Improved designs of toilets.
- Improved design of Ladder for ease of climbing on to the berth.
- Improved LED Light fitting & Charging Sockets.
- Provision of EP assisted braking system.
- Aerosol based fire suppression system in toilets and electrical cubicles.
- USB Type-A and Type-C mobile charging sockets.
- Emergency Talk Back system for two-way communication between Passenger and Guard/Train Manager.
- Non-AC pantry with enhanced heating capacity.
- Fully sealed gangways with quick release mechanism for easy attachment and detachment.

As on 09.03.2026, the following 54 Amrit Bharat Express services are being operated on the Indian Railways network:-

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express
2	13697/13698 Gaya - Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
3	15293/15294 Muzaffarpur - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
4	15557/15558 Darbhanga - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
5	15561/15562 Darbhanga - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
6	15567/15568 Bapudham Motihari - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
7	22361/22362 Rajendranagar (T) - New Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
8	13433/13434 SMVT Bengaluru - Malda Town Amrit Bharat Express
9	13435/13436 Malda Town - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
10	15133/15134 Chhapra - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express

11	14047/14048 Sitamarhi - Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
12	14627/14628 Saharsa - Chheharta Amrit Bharat Express
13	19623/19624 Madar - Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express
14	16601/16602 Erode - Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express
15	19021/19022 Udhna - Brahmapur Amrit Bharat Express
16	15671/15672 Kamakhya - Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express
17	20609/20610 New Jalpaiguri - Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express
18	16597/16598 SMVT Bengaluru - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
19	11031/11032 Panvel - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
20	16107/16108 Tambaram - Santragachi Amrit Bharat Express
21	13065/13066 Howrah - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
22	22587/22588 Sealdah - Banaras Amrit Bharat Express
23	20603/20604 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
24	15949/15950 Dibrugarh - Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
25	16121/16122 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express
26	16329/16330 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Amrit Bharat Express
27	17041/17042 Charlapalli - Thiruvananthapuram North Amrit Bharat Express

Namo Bharat Rapid Rail

Namo Bharat Rapid Rail has been introduced to enhance the travelling experience of suburban and regional commuters for inter-city short distance movement by harnessing the features of Vande Bharat Trains. The prominent features of Namu Bharat Rapid Rail are as follows:

- Centrally controlled Double Leaf Automatic Sliding Doors.
- CCTVs for safety and passenger surveillance.
- Modular interior with Cushioned Seats and Sealed Flexible Gangway.
- Emergency Talk Back System.
- Continuous LED lighting with Energy Efficient Lighting system.
- FRP Modular Toilets with vacuum evacuation.
- Fully Air-Conditioned trains with AC Driver cab.

As on 09.03.2026, the following 4 Namu Bharat Rapid Rail services are in operation on Indian Railways network:-

SN	Train Number and Name
1	94801/94802 Ahmedabad-Bhuj Namu Bharat Rapid Rail
2	94803/94804 Jaynagar-Patna Namu Bharat Rapid Rail

As the Railway network straddles across state boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, during 2020-2021 to 2025-2026 (upto Feb, 2026), on originating/terminating basis, Indian Railways introduced 90 new train services catering to the needs of various stations located in the State of Rajasthan. These are listed below:

SN	Train Number and Name
1	15091/15092 Daurai - Tanakpur Express
2	06605/06606 Ghatoli - Jhalawar city MEMU
3	20981/20982 Udaipur city - Agra cantt. Vande Bharat Express
4	69231/69232 Ujjain - Chittaurgarh MEMU
5	61633/61634 Bina - Kota MEMU
6	61623/61624 Kota - Chaumahla MEMU
7	19009/19010 Bandra (T) - Barmer Express
8	12997/12998 Bandra (T) - Barmer Express
9	14719/14720 Bikaner - Amritsar Express
10	14087/14088 Delhi - Jaisalmer Runicha Express
11	06621/06622 Kota - Sawai Madhopur MEMU
12	20979/20980 Udaipur - Jaipur Vande Bharat Express
13	12461/12462 Jodhpur - Sabarmati Vande Bharat Express
14	20475/20476 Bikaner - Pune Express
15	14527/14528 Bhatinda - Sri Ganganagar Express
16	20977/20978 Delhi Cantt - Ajmer Vande Bharat Express
17	12981/12982 Jaipur - Asarva Express
18	19821/19822 Asarva - Kota Express
19	14705/14706 Bhiwani - Dahar Ka Balaji Express

20	19703/19704 Udaipur - Asarva Express
21	14807/14808 Bhagat ki Kothi - Dadar Express
22	20963/20964 Udaipur - Asarva Express
23	09613/09614 Udaipur City - Bari Sadri Passenger
24	09611/09612 Udaipur city - Bari sadri Passenger
25	04771/04772 Bathinda - Anupgarh Passenger
26	14029 Sri Ganganagar - Delhi Express
27	14030 Meerut - Sri Ganganagar Express
28	20489/20490 Barmer - Jaipur Express
29	20487/20488 Barmer - Delhi Express
30	20451/20452 Sogariya - New Delhi Express
31	19109/19110 Kota - Mathura Express
32	61615/61616 Kota - Nagda MEMU
33	19815/19816 Kota - Mandasor Express
34	22307/22308 Howrah - Bikaner Express
35	26963 / 26964 Udaipur City - Asarva (Ahmedabad) Vande Bharat Express
36	54355/54356 Bandikui - Bareilly Passenger
37	12249/12250 Shakurbasti - Jaisalmer Express
38	19623/19624 Madar - Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express
39	26471/26472 Bikaner - Delhi Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
40	26481/26482 Jodhpur - Delhi Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
41	20989/20990 Udaipur city - Chandigarh Express
42	19603/19604 Daurai - Godda Express
43	17605/17606 Kacheguda - Bhagat Ki Kothi Express
44	21903/21904 Bandra (T) - Bikaner Express
45	20495/20496 Jodhpur - Hadapsar Express
46	20625/20626 MGR Chennai - Bhagat Ki Kothi Express

Further, Proposals/ requests/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for introduction/restoration of trains are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/ requests/ suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time, which is an on-going process.

Besides, introduction of train services on any route/section, which is an on-going process, depends on various factors which include:

- Capacity of that section.
- Availability of path.
- Availability of required rolling stock.
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock.
- Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets.
