

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3932
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EXPANSION OF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAIN SERVICES FROM RANCHI

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to increase the number of Vande Bharat Express trains from Ranchi, Jharkhand, to other States and to reduce the train fare so as to provide passengers with fast, safe and comfortable travel at affordable rates, if so, the details thereof along with the new routes proposed in this regard; and
- (b) whether Government is taking steps for expanding the necessary resources and infrastructure to augment the Vande Bharat train services between Ranchi and important neighbouring cities, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b) Indian Railways (IR), with a view to improve travel experience of the passengers, have introduced indigenously designed and manufactured Vande Bharat (Sleeper & Chair Car) services with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities as detailed below:

Vande Bharat services (Chair Car):

- 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

Vande Bharat services (Sleeper):

Further, to cater to long distance travel, IR has introduced the sleeper variant of Vande Bharat Express. Broad Technological advancements and safety features provided in these 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 23.03.2026, the following 01 pair Vande Bharat train service (Sleeper Car) and 81 pairs of Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car) are being operated on the Indian Railways network:

Vande Bharat Sleeper Car:

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

Vande Bharat Chair Car:

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
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As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are operated as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, following 03 pairs of Vande Bharat (Chair Car) services, on originating/terminating basis, are catering to the needs of Ranchi station as listed below:

SN	Train no. and name
1	20897/20898 Ranchi-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
2	20887/20888 Ranchi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
3	22349/22350 Patna-Ranchi Vande Bharat Express

In addition to aforementioned three pairs of Vande Bharat Services, Ranchi is also being served by 106 train services as listed below:-

SN	Train no. and name
1	12019 Howrah -Ranchi Shatabdi Express
2	12020 Ranchi-Howrah Shatabdi Express
3	12365 Patna -Ranchi Jan Shatabdi Express
4	12366 Ranchi-Patna Jan Shatabdi Express
5	12453 Ranchi-New Delhi Rajdhani Express
6	12454 New Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani Express
7	12817 Hatia-Anand Vihar (T) Express
8	12818 Anand Vihar (T)-Hatia Express
9	12825 Ranchi-Anand Vihar (T) Express
10	12826 Anand Vihar (T)-Ranchi Express
11	12873 Hatia-Anand Vihar (T) Express
12	12874 Anand Vihar (T)-Hatia Express
13	12877 Ranchi-New Delhi Garib Rath Express
14	12878 New Delhi-Ranchi Garib Rath Express
15	13303 Dhanbad -Ranchi Express
16	13304 Ranchi-Dhanbad Express
17	13319 Dumka-Ranchi Express
18	13320 Ranchi-Dumka Express
19	13351 Dhanbad -Alappuzha Express
20	13352 Alappuzha-Dhanbad Express

21	13403 Ranchi-Bhagalpur Express
22	13404 Bhagalpur-Ranchi Express
23	13425 Malda Town-Surat Express
24	13426 Surat-Malda Town Express
25	13503 Bardhaman-Hatia Express
26	13504 Hatia-Bardhaman Express
27	13513 Asansol-Hatia Express
28	13514 Hatia-Asansol Express
29	15027 Sambalpur-Gorakhpur Express
30	15028 Gorakhpur -Sambalpur Express
31	15661 Ranchi-Kamakhya Express
32	15662 Kamakhya-Ranchi Express
33	16619 Podanur -Dhanbad Amrit Bharat Express
34	16620 Dhanbad -Podanur Amrit Bharat Express
35	17005 Hyderabad-Raxaul Express
36	17006 Raxaul -Hyderabad Express
37	17007 Charlapalli-Darbhangha Express
38	17008 Darbhanga -Charlapalli Express
39	17321 Vasco Da Gama-Jasidih Express
40	17322 Jasidih-Vasco Da Gama Express
41	18035 Kharagpur -Hatia Express
42	18036 Hatia-Kharagpur Express
43	18085 Kharagpur -Ranchi Express
44	18086 Ranchi-Kharagpur Express
45	18105 Rourkela-Jaynagar Express
46	18106 Jaynagar-Rourkela Express
47	18309 Sambalpur-Jammutawi Express
48	18310 Jammutawi-Sambalpur Express
49	18523 Visakhapatnam-Banaras Express
50	18524 Banaras-Visakhapatnam Express
51	18601 Tatanagar -Hatia Express
52	18602 Hatia-Tatanagar Express
53	18603 Ranchi-Godda Express
54	18604 Godda-Ranchi Express
55	18609 Ranchi-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express

56	18610 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Ranchi Express
57	18611 Ranchi-Banaras Express
58	18612 Banaras-Ranchi Express
59	18613 Ranchi-Chopan Express
60	18614 Chopan-Ranchi Express
61	18615 Howrah -Hatia Express
62	18616 Hatia-Howrah Express
63	18619 Ranchi-Godda Express
64	18620 Godda-Ranchi Express
65	18621 Patna -Hatia Express
66	18622 Hatia-Patna Express
67	18623 Islampur-Hatia Express
68	18624 Hatia-Islampur Express
69	18625 Purnia Court-Hatia Express
70	18626 Hatia-Purnia Court Express
71	18627 Howrah -Ranchi Express
72	18628 Ranchi-Howrah Express
73	18629 Ranchi-Gorakhpur Express
74	18630 Gorakhpur -Ranchi Express
75	18631 Ranchi-Chopan Express
76	18632 Chopan-Ranchi Express
77	18635 Ranchi-Sasaram Express
78	18636 Sasaram-Ranchi Express
79	18639 Ara-Ranchi Express
80	18640 Ranchi-Ara Express
81	20407 Ranchi-New Delhi Rajdhani Express
82	20408 New Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani Express
83	20839 Ranchi-New Delhi Rajdhani Express
84	20840 New Delhi-Ranchi Rajdhani Express
85	22357 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-Gaya Express
86	22358 Gaya - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
87	22891 Howrah -Ranchi Express
88	22892 Ranchi-Howrah Express
89	58033 Bokaro Steel City-Ranchi Passenger
90	58034 Ranchi-Bokaro Steel City Passenger

91	58663 Hatia-Shanki Passenger
92	58664 Shanki-Hatia Passenger
93	58665 Hatia-Shanki Passenger
94	58666 Shanki-Hatia Passenger
95	63597 Ranchi-Asansol MEMU
96	63598 Asansol-Ranchi MEMU
97	68017 Ranchi-Lohardaga MEMU
98	68018 Lohardaga-Ranchi MEMU
99	68027 Ranchi-Tori MEMU
100	68028 Tori-Ranchi MEMU
101	68035 Adityapur-Hatia MEMU
102	68036 Hatia-Adityapur MEMU
103	68037 Ranchi-Lohardaga MEMU
104	68038 Lohardaga-Ranchi MEMU
105	68039 Ranchi-Lohardaga MEMU
106	68040 Lohardaga-Ranchi MEMU

Affordability :

Railways are running different types of train services like suburban locals/ordinary, non-suburban local/ordinary, Mail/Express, Superfast trains, Garib Rath, Gatimaan, Rajdhani, Shatabdi, Duronto, Mahamana, Amrit Bharat, Vande Bharat, Vande Bharat Sleeper, Namo Bharat Rapid Rail, Humsafar, Tejas, Special trains on special charges etc.

Railways always strive to provide affordable services to all strata of society. Accordingly, it operates different categories of train services to cater to the travel needs of various categories of society which include trains with lower fare to give benefit to underprivileged section of the society and also trains with enhanced facilities.

Indian Railways gave subsidy of Rs.60,239 crore on passenger tickets in 2024-25. This amounts to concession of 43% on an average, to every person, travelling on Railways. In other words, if the cost of providing service is Rs.100, then the price of ticket is Rs.57 only. This subsidy is continuing for all passengers. Further, concessions beyond this subsidy amount are continuing for many categories like 4 categories of persons with Disabilities (Divyangjans), 11 categories of patients and 8 categories of students.

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 including Vande Bharat trains 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.
