

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 902**  
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**VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER TRAIN**

902 SHRI NEERAJ SHEKHAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Hon'ble Prime Minister has recently flagged the first Vande Bharat sleeper train in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the details of number of Vande Bharat sleeper trains proposed to be run during 2026- 27, zone-wise?

**ANSWER**

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

(a) to (c) For long distance travel the sleeper variant of Vande Bharat Express has been indigenously designed and developed. Two such trains have already been manufactured. After extensive trials, these trains have been introduced on Indian Railways.

The process of development of new rolling stocks like Vande Sleeper necessitates a holistic approach, combining technological innovation, strategic planning and manufacturing to ensure a safe, reliable and comfortable travel. This involves development of prototype, extensive testing and trials followed by series production.

To improve travel experience of the passengers and set new benchmarks in terms of safe and comfortable journey, these train sets have been provided with modern coaches having advanced safety features and passenger amenities like:

- 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.
- Improved fire safety - 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.

First Vande Bharat Sleeper service viz. 27575/27576 Howrah- Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express has been flagged off on 17.01.2026. The train has been scheduled to operate 6-days a week. It is scheduled to depart from Kamakhya on all days except Wednesdays and from Howrah on all days except Thursdays. The Vande Bharat Sleeper train has commenced regular operation w.e.f. 22.01.2026.

Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat sleeper services, 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.
- Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section.

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