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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
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VANDE BHARAT RAIL SERVICES FOR HAZUR SAHIB NANDED

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has received any proposal or representation for the introduction of a Vande Bharat Sleeper train between Hazur Sahib Nanded and Amritsar to provide faster and more comfortable rail connectivity for thousands of Sikh devotees travelling between two of Sikh pilgrimage centres;
- (b) whether Government proposes to introduce new Vande Bharat train services from Hazur Sahib Nanded to Hyderabad and from Hazur Sahib Nanded to Pune, considering the substantial passenger demand, business and tourism traffic on these routes; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof, including the present status, feasibility studies undertaken, expected timelines for commencement of these services?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) Indian Railways, with a view to improve travel experience of the passengers, have introduced indigenously designed and manufactured Vande Bharat trains (Chair Car and Sleeper) with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities.

Vande Bharat Services (Sleeper Trains):

For long distance travel the Sleeper variant of Vande Bharat Express has been indigenously designed and developed. These are aimed to improve travel experience of the passengers and set new benchmarks in terms of safe and comfortable journey. Two such trains have already been manufactured. After extensive trials, these trains have been introduced on Indian Railways. The First Vande Bharat Sleeper service viz. 27575/27576 Howrah - Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express has commenced regular operation w.e.f. 22.01.2026.

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.
- 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 03.08.2026, the following 01 pairs of Vande Bharat train services (Sleeper Car) are being operated on the Indian Railways network:

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

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 new Vande Bharat Trains have following features:

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

- (h) Air conditioning units with indigenously developed UV-C lamp based disinfection system.
- (i) Better Ride Comfort.
- (j) CCTVs in all Coaches.
- (k) For Divyangjan passengers special lavatory in the driving coaches on each end.
- (l) Coach condition monitoring System (CCMS) display with remote monitoring.

As on 03.08.2026, the 81 pairs of Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car) are being operated on the Indian Railways network, as listed below:-

SN	Train No. and Name
1	22435/22436 Varanasi - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
2	22439/22440 New Delhi - Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
3	20901/20902 Mumbai Central - Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express
4	22447/22448 New Delhi - Amb Andura 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) - Sainagar Shirdi Vande Bharat Express
10	22225/22226 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Solapur Vande Bharat Express
11	20171/20172 Rani Kamalapati - Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express
12	20701/20702 Secunderabad - Tirupati Vande Bharat Express
13	20643/20644 Chennai - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
14	20977/20978 Ajmer - Chandigarh Vande Bharat Express
15	20633/20634 Kasargod - Thiruvananthapuram 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	22229/22230 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Madgaon Vande Bharat Express
21	22349/22350 Patna - Ranchi Vande Bharat Express

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

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

74	26101/26102 Pune - Ajni Vande Bharat Express
75	26301/26302 Jogbani - Danapur Vande Bharat Express
76	26481/26482 Jodhpur - Delhi Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
77	26471/26472 Bikaner - Delhi Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
78	26461/26462 Delhi - Firozpur Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
79	26651/26652 KSR Bengaluru - Ernakulam Vande Bharat Express
80	26505/26506 Khajuraho - Banaras Vande Bharat Express
81	26503/26504 Saharanpur - Gomtinagar Vande Bharat Express

The above mentioned trains also include 20705/06 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) – Jalna- H.S. Nanded Vande Bharat Express (w.e.f 28.08.2025). Further, to cater to the needs of passengers of H.S. Nanded, 14621/22 H.S. Nanded – Firozpur Cantt Express has been introduced w.e.f 13.06.2025.

At present, H.S. Nanded station is served by 119 train services (listed below) which provide connectivity *inter alia* to cities like Amritsar, Patna, Delhi, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Jaipur, Bengaluru.

SN	Train No. & Name
1	20705 H.S. Nanded-CSMT Vande Bharat Express
2	20706 CSMT-H.S. Nanded Vande Bharat Express
3	11001 CSMT-Balharshah Express
4	11002 Balharshah-CSMT Express
5	11045 Kolhapur-Dhanbad Express
6	11046 Dhanbad -Kolhapur Express
7	11409 Daund -Nizamabad Express
8	11410 Nizamabad -Pune Express
9	11413 Nizamabad -Pandharpur Express
10	11414 Pandharpur-Nizamabad Express
11	12421 H.S. Nanded-Amritsar Express
12	12422 Amritsar-H.S. Nanded Express
13	12439 H.S. Nanded-Shri Ganganagar Express
14	12440 Shri Ganganagar-H.S. Nanded Express
15	12485 H.S. Nanded-Shri Ganganagar Express

16	12486 Shri Ganganagar-H.S. Nanded Express
17	12715 H.S. Nanded-Amritsar Express
18	12716 Amritsar-H.S. Nanded Express
19	12719 Jaipur -Hyderabad Express
20	12720 Hyderabad-Jaipur Express
21	12751 H.S. Nanded-Jammu Tawi Express
22	12752 Jammu Tawi-H.S. Nanded Express
23	12753 H.S. Nanded-Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
24	12754 Hazrat Nizamuddin -H.S. Nanded Express
25	12765 Tirupati-Amravati Express
26	12766 Amravati-Tirupati Express
27	12767 H.S. Nanded-Santragachi Express
28	12768 Santragachi -H.S. Nanded Express
29	12787 Narasapur-Nagarsol Express
30	12788 Nagarsol-Narasapur Express
31	14621 H.S. Nanded-Firozpur Cant Express
32	14622 Firozpur Cant-H.S. Nanded Express
33	16003 MGR Chennai Central-Nagarsol Express
34	16004 Nagarsol-MGR Chennai Central Express
35	16593 KSR Bengaluru-H.S. Nanded Express
36	16594 H.S. Nanded-KSR Bengaluru Express
37	16733 Rameswaram-Okha Express
38	16734 Okha-Rameswaram Express
39	17019 Hisar-Hyderabad Express
40	17020 Hyderabad-Hisar Express
41	17057 CSMT-Lingampalli Express
42	17058 Lingampalli-CSMT Express
43	17063 Manmad -Kacheguda Express
44	17064 Kacheguda-Manmad Express
45	17079 Hyderabad-Jaipur Express

46	17080 Jaipur -Hyderabad Express
47	17231 Narasapur-Nagarsol Express
48	17232 Nagarsol-Narasapur Express
49	17295 Kakinada Town-Hisar Express
50	17296 Hisar-Kakinada Town Express
51	17409 Adilabad-H.S. Nanded Express
52	17410 H.S. Nanded-Adilabad Express
53	17417 Tirupati-Sainagar Shirdi Express
54	17418 Sainagar Shirdi-Tirupati Express
55	17429 Tirupati-Akola Express
56	17430 Akola -Tirupati Express
57	17601 Kacheguda-Shri Ganganagar Express
58	17602 Shri Ganganagar-Kacheguda Express
59	17605 Kacheguda-Bhagat Ki Kothi Express
60	17606 Bhagat Ki Kothi-Kacheguda Express
61	17609 Patna -Purna Express
62	17610 Purna -Patna Express
63	17611 H.S. Nanded-CSMT Express
64	17612 CSMT-H.S. Nanded Express
65	17613 Panvel-H.S. Nanded Express
66	17614 H.S. Nanded-Panvel Express
67	17617 CSMT-H.S. Nanded Express
68	17618 H.S. Nanded-CSMT Express
69	17619 Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar-H.S. Nanded Express
70	17620 H.S. Nanded-Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Express
71	17629 Hadapsar-H.S. Nanded Express
72	17630 H.S. Nanded-Hadapsar Express
73	17631 H.S. Nanded-Tanakpur Express
74	17632 Tanakpur-H.S. Nanded Express
75	17633 H.S. Nanded-Tiruchanur Express

76	17634 Tiruchanur-H.S. Nanded Express
77	17635 H.S. Nanded-Dharmavaram Express
78	17636 Dharmavaram -H.S. Nanded Express
79	17639 Kacheguda-Akola Express
80	17640 Akola -Kacheguda Express
81	17641 Kacheguda-Narkher Express
82	17642 Narkher-Kacheguda Express
83	17661 Kacheguda-Nagarsol Express
84	17662 Nagarsol-Kacheguda Express
85	17663 Raichur-Jalna Express
86	17664 Jalna-Raichur Express
87	17665 H.S. Nanded-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
88	17666 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-H.S. Nanded Express
89	17667 H.S. Nanded-Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
90	17668 Lokmanya Tilak (T)-H.S. Nanded Express
91	17687 Manmad -Dharmabad Express
92	17688 Dharmabad-Manmad Express
93	18503 Visakhapatnam-Sainagar Shirdi Express
94	18504 Sainagar Shirdi-Visakhapatnam Express
95	19301 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar-Yesvantpur . Express
96	19302 Yesvantpur -Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express
97	19559 Tirupati-Okha Express
98	19560 Okha-Tirupati Express
99	19713 Jaipur -Kurnool City Express
100	19714 Kurnool City-Jaipur Express
101	20809 Sambalpur -H.S. Nanded Express
102	20810 H.S. Nanded-Sambalpur Express
103	20811 Visakhapatnam-H.S. Nanded Express
104	20812 H.S. Nanded-Visakhapatnam Express
105	22709 H.S. Nanded-Amb Andaura Express

106	22710 Amb Andaura-H.S. Nanded Express
107	22723 H.S. Nanded-Shri Ganganagar Express
108	22724 Shri Ganganagar-H.S. Nanded Express
109	57651 H.S. Nanded-Manmad Passenger
110	57652 Manmad -H.S. Nanded Passenger
111	57653 Purna -Adilabad Passenger
112	57654 Adilabad-Parli Vaiath Passenger
113	77605 Kacheguda-Purna DMU
114	77606 H.S. Nanded-Medchal Passenger
115	77615 Parli Vaiath-Adilabad DMU
116	77616 Adilabad-Purna Passenger
117	77624 Jalna-H.S. Nanded DMU
118	77645 Nizamabad -H.S. Nanded DMU
119	77646 H.S. Nanded-Nizamabad Passenger

The above mentioned trains include 02 pairs of trains catering to the needs of H.S. Nanded-Amritsar sector, 02 pairs of trains serving H.S. Nanded-Pune sector and 25 pairs of trains serving H.S. Nanded-Hyderabad/Secunderabad sector as listed below:

Trains serving H.S. Nanded-Amritsar sector

SN	Train No. & Name
1	12715/16 H.S. Nanded- Amritsar Sachkhand Express
2	12421/22 H.S. Nanded - Amritsar Express

Trains serving H.S. Nanded-Pune sector:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	17613/17614 Panvel- H.S. Nanded Express
2	17629/17630 Hadapsar-H.S. Nanded Express

Trains serving H.S. Nanded-Hyderabad/Secunderabad sector:

SN	Train No. & Name
1	12719/12720 Jaipur -Hyderabad Express

2	12765/12766 Tirupati-Amravati Express
3	12787/12788 Narasapur-Nagarsol Express
4	16003/16004 MGR Chennai Central-Nagarsol Express
5	16733/16734 Rameswaram-Okha Express
6	17019/17020 Hisar-Hyderabad Express
7	17057/17058 CSMT-Lingampalli Express
8	17063/17064 Manmad -Kacheguda Express
9	17079/17080 Hyderabad-Jaipur Express
10	17231/17232 Narasapur-Nagarsol Express
11	17295/17296 Kakinada Town-Hisar Express
12	17417/17418 Tirupati-Sainagar Shirdi Express
13	17429/17430 Tirupati-Akola Express
14	17601/17602 Kacheguda-Shri Ganganagar Express
15	17605/17606 Kacheguda-Bhagat Ki Kothi Express
16	17639/17640 Kacheguda-Akola Express
17	17641/17642 Kacheguda-Narkher Express
18	17661/17662 Kacheguda-Nagarsol Express
19	17663/17664 Raichur-Jalna Express
20	18503/18504 Visakhapatnam-Sainagar Shirdi Express
21	19301/19302 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar-Yesvantpur Express
22	19559/19560 Tirupati-Okha Express
23	19713/19714 Jaipur -Kurnool City Express
24	20809/20810 Sambalpur -H.S. Nanded Express
25	20811/20812 Visakhapatnam-H.S. Nanded Express

Besides, introduction of new trains services, including Vande Bharat services, is an on-going process on Indian Railways which depends on various factors including -

- 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
