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**INTRODUCTION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS BETWEEN MADURAI AND
COIMBATORE**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry is considering the introduction of a Vande Bharat Express train connecting Madurai and Coimbatore in both directions;
- (b) if so, the present status and the expected timeline for its introduction; and
- (c) if not, whether Government will consider introducing a Vande Bharat Express service between Madurai and Coimbatore, in view of the growing passenger demand, tourism, educational institutions and industrial connectivity between the two cities?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (c) Presently, both Coimbatore and Madurai are served by 3 pairs of Vande Bharat services as listed below:

Vande Bharat serving Coimbatore:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	20641/20642 Bengaluru Cantt.-Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
2	20643/20644 MGR Chennai Central-Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
3	26651/26652 KSR Bengaluru-Ernakulam Vande Bharat Express

Vande Bharat serving Madurai:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	20671/20672 Madurai-Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
2	20665/20666 Chennai Egmore-Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Express
3	20627/20628 Chennai Egmore-Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express

Accordingly, Coimbatore and Madurai station are presently being served by 174 train services and 132 train services respectively (including 6 Vande Bharat services each). These are as listed below:

Train serving Coimbatore:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11013 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Coimbatore Express
2	11014 Coimbatore - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
3	12083 Mayiladuturai - Coimbatore Jan Shatabdi Express
4	12084 Coimbatore - Mayiladuturai Shatabdi Express
5	12243 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Shatabdi Express
6	12244 Coimbatore - MGR Chennai Central Shatabdi Express
7	12257 Yesvantpur - Thiruvananthapuram North Garib Rath Express
8	12258 Thiruvananthapuram North - Yesvantpur Garib Rath Express
9	12511 Gorakhpur - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
10	12512 Thiruvananthapuram North - Gorakhpur Express
11	12521 Barauni - Ernakulam Express
12	12522 Ernakulam - Barauni Express
13	12623 MGR Chennai Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
14	12624 Thiruvananthapuram Central - MGR Chennai Central Express
15	12625 Thiruvananthapuram Central - New Delhi Express
16	12626 New Delhi - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
17	12643 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
18	12644 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express

19	12645 Ernakulam - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
20	12646 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Ernakulam Express
21	12647 Coimbatore - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
22	12648 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Coimbatore Express
23	12659 Nagercoil - Shalimar Express
24	12660 Shalimar - Nagercoil Express
25	12671 MGR Chennai Central - Metupalaiyam Express
26	12672 Metupalaiyam - MGR Chennai Central Express
27	12673 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Express
28	12674 Coimbatore - MGR Chennai Central Express
29	12675 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Express
30	12676 Coimbatore - MGR Chennai Central Express
31	12679 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Express
32	12680 Coimbatore - MGR Chennai Central Express
33	12681 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Express
34	12682 Coimbatore - MGR Chennai Central Express
35	12695 MGR Chennai Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
36	12696 Thiruvananthapuram Central - MGR Chennai Central Express
37	12789 Kacheguda - Kumta Express
38	12790 Kumta - Kacheguda Express
39	12969 Coimbatore - Jaipur Express

40	12970 Jaipur - Coimbatore Express
41	13351 Dhanbad - Alappuzha Express
42	13352 Alappuzha - Dhanbad Express
43	15607 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Silchar Express
44	15608 Silchar - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
45	15627 Coimbatore - Silchar Express
46	15628 Silchar - Coimbatore Express
47	16159 Chennai Egmore - Mangalore Central Express
48	16160 Mangalore Central - Chennai Egmore Express
49	16187 Karaikal - Ernakulam Express
50	16188 Ernakulam - Karaikal Express
51	16315 Mysuru - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
52	16316 Thiruvananthapuram North - Mysuru Express
53	16317 Kanniyakumari - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
54	16318 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Kanniyakumari Express
55	16319 Thiruvananthapuram North - SMVT Bengaluru Express
56	16320 SMVT Bengaluru - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
57	16321 Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express
58	16322 Coimbatore - Nagercoil Express
59	16323 Coimbatore - Mangalore Central Express
60	16324 Mangalore Central - Coimbatore Express

61	16331 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
62	16332 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
63	16377 KSR Bengaluru - Ernakulam Express
64	16378 Ernakulam - KSR Bengaluru Express
65	16381 Pune - Kanniyakumari Express
66	16382 Kanniyakumari - Pune Express
67	16525 Kanniyakumari - KSR Bengaluru Express
68	16526 KSR Bengaluru - Kanniyakumari Express
69	16527 Yesvantpur - Kannur Express
70	16528 Kannur - Yesvantpur Express
71	16561 Yesvantpur - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
72	16562 Thiruvananthapuram North - Yesvantpur Express
73	16565 Yesvantpur - Mangalore Central Express
74	16566 Mangalore Central - Yesvantpur Express
75	16607 Kannur - Coimbatore Express
76	16608 Coimbatore - Kannur Express
77	16613 Rajkot - Coimbatore Express
78	16614 Coimbatore - Rajkot Express
79	16615 Mannargudi - Coimbatore Express
80	16616 Coimbatore - Mannargudi Express
81	16617 Rameswaram - Coimbatore Express

82	16618 Coimbatore - Rameswaram Express
83	16619 Podanur - Dhanbad Amrit Bharat Express
84	16620 Dhanbad - Podanur Amrit Bharat Express
85	16721 Coimbatore - Madurai Express
86	16722 Madurai - Coimbatore Express
87	16765 Metupalaiyam - Tuticorin Express
88	16766 Tuticorin - Metupalaiyam Express
89	16843 Tiruchchirappalli - Palghat Town Express
90	16844 Palghat Town - Tiruchchirappalli Express
91	16855 Puducherry - Mangalore Central Express
92	16856 Mangalore Central - Puducherry Express
93	16857 Puducherry - Mangalore Central Express
94	16858 Mangalore Central - Puducherry Express
95	17041 Charlapalli - Thiruvananthapuram North Amrit Bharat Express
96	17042 Thiruvananthapuram North - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
97	17421 Tirupati - Kollam Express
98	17422 Kollam - Tirupati Express
99	18567 Visakhapatnam - Kollam Express
100	18568 Kollam - Visakhapatnam Express
101	20603 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
102	20604 Nagercoil - New Jalpaiguri Amrit Bharat Express

103	20629 Secunderabad - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
104	20630 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Secunderabad Express
105	20641 Bangalore Cant - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
106	20642 Coimbatore - Bangalore Cant Vande Bharat Express
107	20643 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
108	20644 Coimbatore - MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express
109	22207 MGR Chennai Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
110	22208 Thiruvananthapuram Central - MGR Chennai Central Express
111	22475 Hisar - Coimbatore Express
112	22476 Coimbatore - Hisar Express
113	22503 Kanniyakumari - Dibrugarh Express
114	22504 Dibrugarh - Kanniyakumari Express
115	22609 Mangalore Central - Coimbatore Express
116	22610 Coimbatore - Mangalore Central Express
117	22615 Tirupati - Coimbatore Express
118	22616 Coimbatore - Tirupati Express
119	22619 Bilaspur - Tirunelveli Express
120	22620 Tirunelveli - Bilaspur Express
121	22629 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Tirunelveli Express
122	22630 Tirunelveli - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
123	22637 MGR Chennai Central - Mangalore Central Express

124	22638 Mangalore Central - MGR Chennai Central Express
125	22639 MGR Chennai Central - Alappuzha Express
126	22640 Alappuzha - MGR Chennai Central Express
127	22641 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Shalimar Express
128	22642 Shalimar - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
129	22643 Ernakulam - Patna Express
130	22644 Patna - Ernakulam Express
131	22645 Indore - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
132	22646 Thiruvananthapuram North - Indore Express
133	22647 Korba - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
134	22648 Thiruvananthapuram North - Korba Express
135	22665 KSR Bengaluru - Coimbatore Express
136	22666 Coimbatore - KSR Bengaluru Express
137	22667 Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express
138	22668 Coimbatore - Nagercoil Express
139	22669 Ernakulam - Patna Express
140	22670 Patna - Ernakulam Express
141	22815 Bilaspur - Ernakulam Express
142	22816 Ernakulam - Bilaspur Express
143	22837 Hatia - Ernakulam Express
144	22838 Ernakulam - Hatia Express

145	22851 Santragachi - Mangalore Central Express
146	22852 Mangalore Central - Santragachi Express
147	22877 Howrah - Ernakulam Express
148	22878 Ernakulam - Howrah Express
149	26651 KSR Bengaluru - Ernakulam Vande Bharat
150	26652 Ernakulam - KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat
151	56109 Coimbatore - Pollachi Passenger
152	56110 Pollachi - Coimbatore Passenger
153	56113 Coimbatore - Pollachi Passenger
154	56114 Pollachi - Coimbatore Passenger
155	56603 Coimbatore - Shoranur Passenger
156	56604 Shoranur - Coimbatore Passenger
157	66601 Erode - Coimbatore MEMU
158	66602 Coimbatore - Erode MEMU
159	66603 Coimbatore - Shoranur MEMU
160	66604 Shoranur - Coimbatore MEMU
161	66605 Coimbatore - Palghat Town MEMU
162	66606 Palghat Town - Coimbatore MEMU
163	66607 Erode - Palghat Town MEMU
164	66608 Palghat Town - Erode MEMU
165	66611 Metupalaiyam - Podanur MEMU

166	66612 Podanur - Metupalaiyam MEMU
167	66613 Metupalaiyam - Coimbatore MEMU
168	66614 Coimbatore - Metupalaiyam MEMU
169	66615 Metupalaiyam - Podanur MEMU
170	66616 Podanur - Metupalaiyam MEMU
171	66617 Metupalaiyam - Coimbatore MEMU
172	66618 Coimbatore - Metupalaiyam MEMU
173	66619 Metupalaiyam - Podanur MEMU
174	66620 Podanur - Metupalaiyam MEMU

Train serving Madurai:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11021 Dadar - Tirunelveli Express
2	11022 Tirunelveli - Dadar Express
3	12631 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli Express
4	12632 Tirunelveli - Chennai Egmore Express
5	12633 Chennai Egmore - Kanniyakumari Express
6	12634 Kanniyakumari - Chennai Egmore Express
7	12635 Chennai Egmore - Madurai Express
8	12636 Madurai - Chennai Egmore Express
9	12637 Chennai Egmore - Madurai Express
10	12638 Madurai - Chennai Egmore Express

11	12641 Kanniyakumari - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
12	12642 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Kanniyakumari Express
13	12651 Madurai - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express
14	12652 Hazrat Nizamuddin - Madurai Express
15	12661 Chennai Egmore - Sengottai Express
16	12662 Sengottai - Chennai Egmore Express
17	12665 Howrah - Kanniyakumari Express
18	12666 Kanniyakumari - Howrah Express
19	12667 Tambaram - Kanniyakumari Express
20	12668 Kanniyakumari - Tambaram Express
21	12689 MGR Chennai Central - Kanniyakumari Express
22	12690 Kanniyakumari - MGR Chennai Central Express
23	12693 Chennai Egmore - Tuticorin Express
24	12694 Tuticorin - Chennai Egmore Express
25	16101 Tambaram - Kollam Express
26	16102 Kollam - Tambaram Express
27	16121 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express
28	16122 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Tambaram Amrit Bharat Express
29	16127 Chennai Egmore - Guruvayur Express
30	16128 Guruvayur - Chennai Egmore Express
31	16235 Tuticorin - Mysuru Express

32	16236 Mysuru - Tuticorin Express
33	16321 Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express
34	16322 Coimbatore - Nagercoil Express
35	16327 Madurai - Guruvayur Express
36	16328 Guruvayur - Madurai Express
37	16339 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Nagercoil Express
38	16340 Nagercoil - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
39	16343 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Rameswaram Express
40	16344 Rameswaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
41	16351 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Nagercoil Express
42	16352 Nagercoil - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
43	16353 Kacheguda - Nagercoil Express
44	16354 Nagercoil - Kacheguda Express
45	16357 Nagercoil - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
46	16358 Charlapalli - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
47	16363 Ernakulam - Velankanni Express
48	16364 Velankanni - Ernakulam Express
49	16367 Kanniyakumari - Banaras Express
50	16368 Banaras - Kanniyakumari Express
51	16621 Rameswaram - Mangalore Central Express
52	16622 Mangalore Central - Rameswaram Express

53	16707 Mangalore Junction - Tirunelveli Express
54	16708 Tirunelveli - Mangalore Junction Express
55	16721 Coimbatore - Madurai Express
56	16722 Madurai - Coimbatore Express
57	16729 Madurai - Punalur Express
58	16730 Punalur - Madurai Express
59	16731 Palakkad - Tiruchendur Express
60	16732 Tiruchendur - Palakkad Express
61	16733 Rameswaram - Okha Express
62	16734 Okha - Rameswaram Express
63	16765 Metupalaiyam - Tuticorin Express
64	16766 Tuticorin - Metupalaiyam Express
65	16779 Tirupati - Rameswaram Express
66	16780 Rameswaram - Tirupati Express
67	16787 Tirunelveli - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
68	16788 Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - Tirunelveli Express
69	16845 Erode - Sengottai Express
70	16846 Sengottai - Erode Express
71	16847 Mayiladuturai - Sengottai Express
72	16848 Sengottai - Mayiladuturai Express
73	17069 Hyderabad - Kanniyakumari Express

74	17070 Kanniyakumari - Hyderabad Express
75	17235 SMVT Bengaluru - Nagercoil Express
76	17236 Nagercoil - SMVT Bengaluru Express
77	17615 Kacheguda - Tuticorin Express
78	17616 Tuticorin - Kacheguda Express
79	19567 Tuticorin - Okha Express
80	19568 Okha - Tuticorin Express
81	20493 Madurai - Chandigarh Express
82	20494 Chandigarh - Madurai Express
83	20601 MGR Chennai Central - Bodinayakkanur Express
84	20602 Bodinayakkanur - MGR Chennai Central Express
85	20603 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
86	20604 Nagercoil - New Jalpaiguri Amrit Bharat Express
87	20605 Chennai Egmore - Tiruchendur Express
88	20606 Tiruchendur - Chennai Egmore Express
89	20627 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express
90	20628 Nagercoil - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express
91	20635 Chennai Egmore - Kollam Express
92	20636 Kollam - Chennai Egmore Express
93	20665 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Express
94	20666 Tirunelveli - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express

95	20671 Madurai - Bangalore Cant Vande Bharat Express
96	20672 Bangalore Cant - Madurai Vande Bharat Express
97	20691 Tambaram - Nagercoil Express
98	20692 Nagercoil - Tambaram Express
99	22101 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Madurai Express
100	22102 Madurai - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
101	22605 Purulia - Tirunelveli Express
102	22606 Tirunelveli - Purulia Express
103	22621 Rameswaram - Kanniyakumari Express
104	22622 Kanniyakumari - Rameswaram Express
105	22623 Tambaram - Madurai Express
106	22624 Madurai - Tambaram Express
107	22627 Tiruchchirappalli - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
108	22628 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Tiruchchirappalli Express
109	22629 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Tirunelveli Express
110	22630 Tirunelveli - Lokmanya Tilak (T) Express
111	22631 Madurai - Bikaner Express
112	22632 Bikaner - Madurai Express
113	22657 Tambaram - Kanniyakumari Express
114	22658 Kanniyakumari - Tambaram Express
115	22667 Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express

116	22668 Coimbatore - Nagercoil Express
117	22671 Chennai Egmore - Madurai Tejas Express
118	22672 Madurai - Chennai Egmore Tejas Express
119	22715 Kacheguda - Madurai Express
120	22716 Madurai - Kacheguda Express
121	56701 Madurai - Bodinayakkanur Passenger
122	56702 Bodinayakkanur - Madurai Passenger
123	56711 Madurai - Rameswaram Passenger
124	56712 Rameswaram - Madurai Passenger
125	56713 Madurai - Rameswaram Passenger
126	56714 Rameswaram - Madurai Passenger
127	56715 Madurai - Rameswaram Passenger
128	56716 Rameswaram - Madurai Passenger
129	56717 Dindigul - Madurai Passenger
130	56718 Madurai - Dindigul Passenger
131	56771 Madurai - Sengottai Passenger
132	56772 Sengottai - Madurai Passenger

Further, Madurai - Coimbatore sector is presently served by 6 pairs of trains including 20603/20604 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express (introduced w.e.f. 17.01.2026). The list of trains serving the Madurai - Coimbatore sector is as under:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	20603/20604 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
2	16321/16322 Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express

3	16721/16722 Coimbatore - Madurai Express
4	16765/16766 Metupalaiyam - Tuticorin Express
5	22629/22630 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Tirunelveli Express
6	22667/22668 Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express

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