# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

## LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1249 TO BE ANSWERED ON 14.12.2022

#### **EXPORT OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS**

### 1249. SHRI MANICKAM TAGORE B.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways is planning to sanction 300-400 Vande Bharat trains annually, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether it is also true that the Railways aims to manufacture the first standard gauge version of Vande Bharat train in the next one year, if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Railways is planning to export these trains to markets in Europe, South America and East Asia by 2025-26;

(d) if so, the steps taken so far to tap the export market of these trains;

(e) whether it is also true that Vande Bharat train with sleeper coaches are likely to be rolled out only in the first quarter of 2024; and

(f) if so, the facts in this regard?

#### ANSWER

# MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) Sanction of 502 Vande Bharat rakes has been obtained. Further sanction of Vande Bharat train will be envisaged as per traffic requirement for induction of more Vande Bharat trains.

(b) to (d) Indian Railways is working on development of Vande Bharat train for export. RITES Ltd have been entrusted with the task of identifying potential market for export.

The gauge adoption will depend upon the country where the train is to be exported.

(e) & (f) The layouts of sleeper version of train sets have been designed and are being firmed up. The actual roll out of the sleeper version of Vande Bharat depends on supply chain which is developing rapidly.