

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 18  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.12.2022**

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAINS**

**18. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:**

**SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

**DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY:**

**SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government has started Vande Bharat, Bharat Gaurav and Tejas trains, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) if so, the details along with the features, aims and objectives thereof;**
- (c) the details of route/sector selected for the purpose;**
- (d) the details of the number of such trains that are being operated by the Government currently within the country;**
- (e) whether the Government has any plans to expand the network of such trains, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the other steps being taken by the Government regarding introduction of new trains, increase theme based tourist circuit trains and the frequency of trains in different zones of Indian Railways?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 18 BY DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY, SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL, DR. JAYANTA KUMAR ROY AND SHRIMATI SANGEETA KUMARI SINGH DEO TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2022 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF NEW TRAINS.**

**(a) to (d) Yes, Sir. Presently, 05 pairs of Vande Bharat Express and 04 pairs of Tejas Express services are being operated on Indian Railways (IR) network. During the year 2022-23 (upto 30<sup>th</sup> November, 2022), 26 commercial trips of Bharat Gaurav Trains have been operated.**

**Vande Bharat Express services, being operated with Train Sets, provide faster services and have ultra modern features like quick acceleration, on board infotainment and Global Positioning System (GPS) based passenger information system, automatic sliding doors, retractable footsteps, Zero discharge vacuum bio toilets, etc.**

**Tejas Express services also aim at providing faster services utilizing Tejas type coaches, which are ultra modern coaches with automatic entrance doors, Passenger Announcement/Passenger Information system, Fire and Smoke detection system, CCTV cameras, etc.**

**Bharat Gaurav trains aims at showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places to the people of India and the world through operation of tourist circuit trains.**

**The details of Vande Bharat Express, Tejas Express and Bharat Gaurav trains are as under:-**

**Vande Bharat Express:**

- (1) 22435/22436 New Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express**
- (2) 22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express**
- (3) 20901/20902 Mumbai Central – Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express**
- (4) 22447/22448 New Delhi – Amb Andaura Vande Bharat Express**
- (5) 20607/20608 Chennai Central- Mysuru Vande Bharat Express**

**Tejas Express**

- (1) 22671/22672 Chennai Egmore – Madurai Jn Tejas Express**
- (2) 22119/22120 C Shivaji Maharaj T –Karmali Tejas Express**

**(3) 82501/82502 Lucknow-New Delhi Tejas Express**

**(4) 82901/82902 Mumbai Central-Ahmedabad Tejas Express**

**Besides, 04 pairs of Rajdhani Express services are being operated with Tejas rakes as indicated below:**

**(1) 20501/20502 Agartala-Anand Vihar Tejas Rajdhani Express**

**(2) 12309/10 Rajendranagar-New Delhi Tejas Rajdhani Express**

**(3) 12951/12952 Mumbai Central- New Delhi Tejas Rajdhani Express**

**(4) 12953/12954 Mumbai Central- New Delhi August Kranti Tejas Rajdhani Express**

**Bharat Gaurav services:**

**26 commercial trips of Bharat Gaurav trains have been operated under the Bharat Gaurav Trains scheme, during the period April, 2022 to November, 2022. Under the policy of operation of Bharat Gaurav trains, potential service providers, including Public Sector Undertakings or other entities who meet the eligibility criteria, can run Bharat Gaurav trains. The service providers have full flexibility to decide the themes/itineraries for operation of Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit trains depending upon market demand, commercial viability, etc. The Service Providers offer a comprehensive package with facility of rail transportation, accommodation, meals, local road transport, sightseeing etc to the tourists.**

**(e) and (f) Introduction of new trains including Vande Bharat Express, Tejas Express services which is dependent on operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic pattern, competing demand etc, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways. Under the policy of operation of Bharat Gaurav trains, potential service providers, meeting eligibility criteria, can operate Bharat Gaurav trains.**

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