

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1114
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAIN

†1114. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to start Vande Bharat Express trains from Jaynagar in Mithila region of Bihar to New Delhi railway station via Darbhanga;

(b) if so, the details of the plans made in this regard;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Indian Railways has not increased the number of trains from Darbhanga railway station during the last ten years despite being the highest earning railway station in Samastipur Division and if so, the facts thereof; and

(e) the time by which Vande Bharat Express train is likely to be made operational as it is not operational till now?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Owing to operational constraints, introduction of a Vande Bharat train between Jaynagar and Delhi via Darbhanga is not feasible, at present. During the period 2012 to 2022, the following 5

pairs of trains originating from Darbhanga station have been introduced:

- 1. 17007/17008 Secunderabad - Darbhanga Express**
- 2. 15559/15560 Darbhanga - Ahmedabad Express**
- 3. 22551/22552 Darbhanga - Jalandhar City Antyodaya Express**
- 4. 15551/15552 Darbhanga- Varanasi Antyodaya Express**
- 5. 55579/55580 Darbhanga- Mandan Mishra Passenger (presently operating as 05579/80 Darbhanga- Jhanjharpur Passenger special)**

Besides, introduction of new trains services including Vande Bharat Express service is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification etc.
