

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2489
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

MANUFACTURING OF NEW VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

2489. SHRI BHOLA SINGH:

SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:

SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK:

SHRI KHAGEN MURMU:

SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH:

SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK:

SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA):

DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Vande Bharat Express trains introduced during the year 2012-22;

(b) whether the Government has planned to manufacture 500 new generation Vande Bharat Trains during the next three years in the country;

(c) if so, the funds allocated in this regard;

(d) whether it is also true that Vande Bharat train with sleeper coaches are likely to be introduced soon, if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be made operational;

(e) whether the Government has proposed 2000 km of railway network to be brought under Kavach, the indigenous world class technology and capacity augmentation in 2022-23, if so, the details thereof;

(f) whether the Government has planned to develop 100 PM GatiShakti Cargo terminals for multimodal logistics during the next three years in the country, if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the other steps being taken by the Government in this regard?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2489 BY SHRI BHOLA SINGH, SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA, SHRI SUBRAT PATHAK, SHRI KHAGEN MURMU, SHRI VIJAYAKUMAR (ALIAS) VIJAY VASANTH, SHRI RAJA AMARESHWARA NAIK, SHRI RAJVEER SINGH (RAJU BHAIYA) AND DR. SUKANTA MAJUMDAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING MANUFACTURING OF NEW VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

(a) The first Vande Bharat Express was introduced w.e.f. 15.2.2019 between New Delhi and Varanasi. Presently, 10 pairs of Vande Bharat Express are in operation over the Indian Railways (IR) network.

(b) to (d) Provision of Vande Bharat trains including other items of coaches comes under PH 21-Rolling Stock Programme (Carriages), for which an amount of `19479 crore has been made available in Revised Estimate of Financial Year 2022-2023. Furthermore, IR has issued a production plan of 102 Vande Bharat Rakes (35 in 2022-2023 and 67 in 2023-2024) as per IR design within Indian Railways production Units ((Integral coach factory, Rail coach factory and Modern coach factory). Total 75 Vande Bharat rakes are planned as Chair Car version and remaining planned as Sleeper version. IR has also planned to manufacture 400 Vande Bharat trains (Sleeper version) of three different technologies for which Tenders have been floated to select Technology Partners for manufacturing within IR Production Units with IR manpower. In addition to the above, 8000 Vande Bharat Coaches have also been proposed under Budget 2023-24.

(e) It has been proposed to progressively cover Railway network with Kavach. At present, Kavach has been implemented on 1455 route km on South Central Railway. Further, contracts have been awarded for Kavach work on approximately 3000 route kms of Delhi-Mumbai and Delhi-Howrah sections of Indian Railways and work is in progress.

(f) and (g) In order to boost investment from industry in development of additional terminals for handling rail cargo, a new Gati Shakti Multi-Modal Cargo Terminal (GCT) policy has been launched on 15.12.2021. These terminals will be constructed on non - Railway land, as well as partially or fully on Railway land. The target is to commission 100 Gati Shakti Cargo Terminals (GCTs) in three financial years i.e. 2022-23, 2023-24 and 2024-25, out of which 30 GCTs have already been commissioned. So far, 145 applications for development of Cargo Terminals under the GCT policy have been received and 103 in-principle approvals have been issued.
