

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2499
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS FOR PILGRIMAGE SITE

†2499. SHRIMATI NAVNEET RAVI RANA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to connect Amravati Station, a place of pilgrimage and cultural heritage in Maharashtra with Vande Bharat Express trains;

(b) if so, the details of the schemes formulated by the Government in this regard, if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the details of the proposals received so far for Bharat Gaurav trains and the action taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Railways has assigned the task of preparing Detailed Project Report (DPR) for seven High Speed Rail (HSR) corridors to the National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL);

(e) if so, the progress report of the work done;

(f) whether Delhi-Nagpur-Amravati-Pune and Akola-Mumbai-Prayagraj corridors have been sanctioned; and

(g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) At present, no such specific proposal is under consideration. However, introduction of train services including Vande Bharat Express is an ongoing process on Indian Railways

subject to operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic justification etc.

(c) A total of 17 proposals/demand have been received for Bharat Gaurav Trains. So far, 09 rakes have been inducted for operation of Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit trains. Remaining 8 rakes are under process of allotment.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Railways has assigned the task of preparing the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the following seven High Speed Rail (HSR) Corridors to National High Speed Rail Corporation Limited (NHSRCL) and the same is in various stages of the study:-

(i) Delhi – Varanasi

(ii) Delhi – Ahmedabad

(iii) Delhi – Amritsar

(iv) Mumbai – Nagpur

(v) Mumbai – Pune – Hyderabad

(vi) Chennai- Bangalore –Mysore

(vii) Varanasi – Howrah

(f) and (g) No, Sir. Presently, no proposal of High Speed Rail Corridor between Delhi-Nagpur-Amravati-Pune and Akola-Mumbai-Prayagraj is under consideration by the Railways.
