

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 282
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

INTRODUCTION OF VANDE SADHARAN TRAINS

***282. SHRI HIBI EDEN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the introduction of Vande Sadharan trains aligns with the goal of making rail travel affordable for the common man, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the upgraded second class unreserved coaches and second class 3-tier sleeper coaches in Vande Sadharan trains will enhance the travel experience for passengers, if so, the details in this regard;**
- (c) whether the Government is considering any additional measures to ensure timely production and deployment of Vande Sadharan trains across different regions of the country, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the introduction of Vande Sadharan trains will lead to a significant reduction in ticket fares making rail travel more affordable for the common man, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether there are any specific timelines or targets set for the deployment of Vande Sadharan trains in Kerala, given the region's need for budget-friendly rail travel options, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 282 BY SHRI HIBI EDEN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING INTRODUCTION OF VANDE SADHARAN TRAINS

(a) to (e): Presently, Indian Railways offer among the most affordable services to passengers when compared with other countries. It gave subsidy of ₹59,837 crore on passenger tickets in 2019-20. A variety of coaches are manufactured for this purpose and new designs are introduced from time to time. If Vande Sadharan refers to General coaches then the position of General and Sleeper coaches is as below:

Type of coaches	Number of coaches
Non - AC coaches (General & Sleeper)	41,917
AC coaches	20,287
Total Passenger coaches	62,204
