

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 85  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023**

**OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS**

**\*85. SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI:  
SHRI A. RAJA:**

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

- (a) whether Indian Railways have started operating Vande Bharat trains on some more routes recently;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of Vande Bharat trains that are proposed to be operated in the coming two years along with the details in this regard;**
- (d) the reasons for not introducing more Vande Bharat trains in the Southern part of the country, where the demand is more due to commercial and industrial activities;**
- (e) whether the Government is likely to consider more such trains in the Southern region especially in Tamil Nadu in the near future; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

**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 STARRED QUESTION NO. 85 BY SHRI A. GANESHAMURTHI AND SHRI A. RAJA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.07.2023 REGARDING OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS.**

**(a) to (f) With a view to provide better travel experience to the passengers, Indian Railways are introducing Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches having enhanced safety features and better amenities. Presently, 50 Vande Bharat Express services are being operated on the Indian Railways network, which are catering to the needs of stations located in 23 States/Union Territories. Of these 50 Vande Bharat services, 12 Vande Bharat services are catering to the Southern parts of the country which include 04 Vande Bharat services catering to the needs of the stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu. Moreover, introduction of trains including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.**

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