

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2137  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023**

**EXTENSION OF ROUTE VANDE BHARAT TRAIN**

**2137. SHRI SUBHASH CHANDRA BAHERIA:**

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

**(a) whether the Government has any plans to connect or extend the route of Vande Bharat train number 20977 currently running from Ajmer to Delhi cantonment with Bhilwara;**

**(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**

**(c) the list of new trains started in the last nine years connecting Bhilwara from Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and capitals of other States?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c) Presently, Bhilwara station is served by 23 pairs of train services, of which 11 pairs have been introduced during the last 9 years. These services provide direct connectivity *inter alia* to prominent stations like Delhi, Kolkata, Mumbai, Chennai, Ahmedabad. Presently, extension of 20977/78 Ajmer-Delhi Cantt. Vande Bharat Express upto Bhilwara is not under consideration. However, introduction of new train services and extension of services, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.**

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