

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

**†3252. SHRI ARUN SAO:
SHRI RANJEETSINGH NAIK NIMBALKAR:
MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:
SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL:
SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the names of the cities including Chhattisgarh where Vande Bharat trains are being operated at present and the names of the cities which are planned to be connected through the said trains in future;**
- (b) whether Vande Bharat trains are not getting enough passengers due to high fares and if so, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (c) the other changes proposed in the said trains for the convenience of the passengers; and**
- (d) the cost estimated to be incurred on the operation of Vande Bharat trains and the amount of revenue likely to be received by the Government from the said trains?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3252 BY SHRI ARUN SAO, SHRI RANJEETSINGH NAIK NIMBALKAR, MS. RAMYA HARIDAS, SHRI VIJAY BAGHEL AND SHRI MOHAN MANDAVI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

(a) to (d) As on 3rd August, 2023, 50 Vande Bharat train services are running across the Indian Railways, connecting States having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. Railway network straddle across State boundaries and trains are introduced across State boundaries as per network requirement. However, two of the Vande Bharat services operating between Bilaspur and Nagpur are serving Raipur, Durg and Rajnandgaon stations located in the State of Chhattisgarh. Besides, these stations the other prominent cities being served by Vande Bharat services include New Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai, Kolkata, Varanasi, Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Ahmedabad, Amb Andaura, Mysuru, New Jalpaiguri, Visakhapatnam, Secunderabad, Sri Sainagar Shirdi, Solapur, Bhopal, Tirupati, Coimbatore, Ajmer, Jaipur, Kasaragod, Thiruvananthapuram, Puri, Dehradun, Guwahati, Madgaon, Indore, Jabalpur, Bengaluru, Dharwad, Patna, Ranchi, Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Jodhpur etc. Besides, introduction of trains, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.

During 2023-24 (upto June 2023), the overall utilization of Vande Bharat trains is 99.60%. Further, on Indian Railways, occupancy pattern of trains is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. Indian Railways strives to provide economically reasonable fares to all passengers of the country. Train-wise cost of operation is not maintained.

With a view to provide better travel experience to the passengers, Indian Railways has introduced Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches having enhanced safety features and amenities like; Faster acceleration, Fully Sealed Gangway, Automatic Plug Doors, Better Ride Comfort, Mini Pantry with provision of Hot Case, Bottle Cooler, Deep freezer & Hot water Boiler, special lavatory for Divyangjan passengers in DTC, CCTVs etc.
