

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3353  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

**VANDE BHARAT LUXURY TRAIN**

**3353. SHRI PRAJWAL REVANNA:**

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

**(a) whether the Ministry is aware that the recently launched Vande Bharat Luxury train running between Bangalore-Dharwad has only one halt/stoppage at Davanagere station excluding Yeshwanthpur and Hubli stations which are very close to source and destination;**

**(b) if so, whether the Ministry proposes to consider halt/stoppage of Vande Bharat train at Arasikere junction which is located around 170 km from the State capital of Bangalore and halt of train in this junction is helpful to the travellers of Hassan, Chikmagalur and Tumkur districts; and**

**(c) if so, the time by which it is likely to be implemented?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c) 20661/20662 KSR Bengaluru-Dharwar Vande Bharat Express is a premier train service which is being operated with a limited number of stoppages enroute, in the instant case with three stoppages enroute. Besides, Arasikere station is very well connected to Bengaluru by 39 pairs of train services. Moreover, provision of stoppage of trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.**

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