

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3388
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

RUNNING OF SEMI-HIGH SPEED TRAIN

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government intends to run a semi-high speed train from Ajmer railway station to Ahmedabad via Abu or from Ajmer to Ahmedabad via Chittorgarh and develop Ajmer railway station as a world-class railway station;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the progress made so far in this regard; and**
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Ajmer-Ahmedabad sector is presently being served by 18 pairs of train services, which is catering to the needs of the said sector. 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. These include 02 Vande Bharat services which are catering to the needs of Ajmer-Delhi sector. Moreover, introduction of trains, including Vande Bharat

services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, etc.

Ministry of Railways has recently launched ‘Amrit Bharat Station Scheme’ (ABSS) for development of Stations on Indian Railways. ABSS envisages development of stations on a continuous basis with a long term approach. Ajmer Station is one of the Stations identified for development under this scheme.

The scheme involves preparation of Master Plans and their implementation in phases to improve the amenities at the stations like improvement of station access, circulating areas, waiting halls, toilets, lift/escalators as necessary, cleanliness, free WiFi, kiosks for local products through schemes like “One Station Product”, better passenger information systems, executive lounges, nominated spaces for business meetings, landscaping etc. keeping in view the necessity at each such station.

The scheme also envisages improvement of building, integrating the station with both sides of the city, multimodal integration, amenities for ‘Divyangjans’ sustainable and environment friendly solutions, provision of ballast less tracks, ‘Roof Plazas’ as per necessity phasing and feasibility and creation of city centres at the station in the long term.
