## GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

### **LOK SABHA**

# UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1649 TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023

#### **NEW VANDE BHARAT TRAINS**

#### **†1649. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat train introduced so far;
- (b) whether there is a plan to introduce new Vande Bharat trains on other routes, if so, the details of its schedule;
- (c) the speed and distance covered by Vande Bharat trains on various routes;
- (d) whether Vande Bharat trains/Vande Metro trains are likely to be introduced from Bhagalpur and if so, the details thereof;
- (e) if not, the time by which Vande Bharat trains/ Vande Metro trains are likely to be introduced from Bhagalpur; and
- (f) the rail routes under consideration for running the Vande Bharat trains/Vande Metro trains from Bhagalpur, Navgachia station by Eastern Central Railways and Eastern Railways?

#### **ANSWER**

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

#### (SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f) As on 07<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, 68 Vande Bharat train services are running across the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways. The Vande Bharat trains are designed to operate with a speed upto 160 kmph.

The distances covered by Vande Bharat Trains operating over Indian Railways presently varies from 299 Km to 759 Km.

Besides, introduction of Vande Bharat services, including the new variants, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.

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