

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1722
TO BE ANSWERED ON 13.12.2023**

INCREASING OF RAILWAY CONNECTIVITY

1722. SHRI VISHNU DAYAL RAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Government plans to start the Tatanagar-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof including the proposed route for the train, trains presently available for the said route, the expected passenger traffic and the projected timeline;**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government aims to increase railway connectivity in Garhwa, Lohardaga, Latehar and Daltenganj Aspirational Districts via stoppages in these districts of the said train;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f) As on 6th December, 2023, 68 Chair Car variants of Vande Bharat train services are running across Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways. Besides, introduction of Vande Bharat services and their stoppages are ongoing processes on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, resource availability, etc.
