

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 676  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 06.12.2023**

**SALIENT FEATURES OF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAIN**

**676. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has started Vande Bharat Express trains in the country;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise along with salient features thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government has any proposal to start sleeper version of the said train;**
- (d) if so, the details along with the time by which the said version is likely to become operational; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to review and reduce the fare of the said train in the interest of common people and if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e) With a view to provide better travel experience to the passengers, Indian Railways have introduced Vande Bharat trains. These trains have modern features like quick acceleration, on board infotainment and Global Positioning System (GPS) based passenger information system, automatic sliding doors, and Zero discharge vacuum bio toilets etc. As on 30th November, 2023, 68 seating class variants of Vande Bharat train services are running across Indian Railways, connecting States having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains services are introduced, as per network requirement, cutting across such boundaries. However, introduction of Vande Bharat services, including the new variants, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, resource availability, etc. Fare rationalization is a continuous and an ongoing process.**

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