

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 721
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS BETWEEN BHAGALPUR AND NAUGACHIA

†721. SHRI AJAY KUMAR MANDAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat Trains introduced so far along with details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the plan to introduce new Vande Bharat trains on other routes and the time-frame fixed therefor;**
- (c) the speed and the distance fixed to be covered for the Vande Bharat trains on different routes;**
- (d) whether the Vande Bharat trains/the Vande Metro trains are likely to be introduced from Bhagalpur very soon and if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) if not, the time by which the said trains are likely to be introduced from Bhagalpur; and**
- (f) the names of the train routes being considered by the East Central Railway and the Eastern Railway for the Vande Bharat trains/the Vande Metro trains to be introduced from Bhagalpur and Naugachia station?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f) As on 31st January, 2024, 82 Vande Bharat train services, including 4 services by East Central Railway and 2 services by Eastern Railway, are being operated on Indian Railways (IR). Further, Bhagalpur and Naugachia stations are presently being served by 94 and 66 train services respectively. Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat and its variants, is an ongoing process on IR subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
