

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3431  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022**

**VANDE BHARAT TRAINS**

**†3431. SHRI RAVI KISHAN:  
SHRI RAVINDRA KUSHWAHA:**

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

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce the Vande Bharat Trains through out the country in the coming years;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to replace Rajdhani, Shatabdi and Duranto trains with Vande Bharat Trains;**
- (d) if so, whether the operation of these trains is likely to be discontinued completely; and**
- (e) if so, the action plan chalked out in this regard?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (e) Presently, 02 pairs of Vande Bharat Express namely, 22435/22436 New Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express and 22439/22440 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express are in operation. Operation of Vande Bharat trains and replacement of services, over Indian Railways network, is an ongoing process subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification, availability of rolling stock etc.**