GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3449 TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.03.2022

MANUFACTURING OF NEW VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

3449. SHRI NITESH GANGA DEB:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has any plans to build Vande Bharat Trains in the country;
- (b) if so, the companies that have been short listed for manufacturing the above said trains;
- (c) whether any time limit has been set for rolling out of these trains; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the railway routes identified for the same?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) Yes, Sir. Vande Bharat trains are being manufactured in Integral Coach Factory/Chennai and there is plan to start manufacturing these trains at Rail Coach Factory/Kapurthala and Modern Coach Factory/Raebareli during 2022-23.
- (b) Train is being manufactured by Indian Railway Production Units.

- (c) Yes, Sir. The trains will start rolling out in 2022-23.
- (d) Presently 02 pair 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 being operated utilizing the rakes available. Operation of more Vande Bharat trains, over Indian Railways network, would be feasible subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification and availability of rolling stock.

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