

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 69
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.02.2022**

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS IN ANDHRA PRADESH

69. SHRI KESINENI SRINIVAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number and routes of Vande Bharat Express trains planned for the State of Andhra Pradesh(AP);**
- (b) whether the Government is planning to start Vande Bharat express trains on the Vijayawada-Hyderabad, Vijayawada-Tirupati, and Vijayawada-Vishakhapatnam routes and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of road map to induct 75 trains by August 2023; and**
- (d) the production capacity of Vande Bharat Express at the Integral Coach Factory(ICF)and measures being taken to enhance the production capacity at ICF to meet the target?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Indian Railways do not operate train services on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. At present, 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. There is no immediate proposal to introduce Vande Bharat Express on Vijayawada-Hyderabad, Vijayawada-Tripudi and Vijayawada-Visakhapatnam sector. However, introduction of trains,

including Vande Bharat Express, is an ongoing process over Indian Railways, subject to operational feasibility, availability of rolling stock and commercial justification.

(d) Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai manufactures all types of Coaches including Vande Bharat. Planned annual capacity of ICF for coach manufacture is 2500. Further, it has been decided to augment the infrastructural facilities, at ICF, required for series production of Vande Bharat type coaches at an estimated cost of ₹ 140 Crore.
