

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1659
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.07.2022**

VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS

1659. SHRI KRIPANATH MALLAH:

DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:

SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the operational routes of Vande Bharat Express Trains within the country, State-wise;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to expand the network of operation of Vande Bharat Express trains across the country;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Assam, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu;**
- (d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard; and**
- (e) the time by which it is likely to be operated?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Indian Railways do not run train services, including Vande Bharat services, on State-wise basis as railway network straddles across state boundaries. 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, which are being operated utilizing the available rakes. Operation of more Vande Bharat trains, over Indian Railways network, would be feasible subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification and availability of rolling stock.