

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1488
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

INAUGURAL OF FIRST VANDE BHARAT TRAIN

**1488 SHRI PRAVEEN PATEL:
DR. SHRIKANT EKNATH SHINDE:
SHRI NARESH GANPAT MHASKE:
SMT. DAGGUBATI PURANDESWARI:
SHRI HARIBHAI PATEL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of inaugural run of the first Vande Bharat train;**
- (b) the number and details of such trains that are currently operational in Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh including the details of the routes they cover;**
- (c) the details of routes on which the Government is planning to run such trains in future; and**
- (d) the details about use of indigenous components in these trains, if any?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (c) The First Vande Bharat viz. 22435/22436 New Delhi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express commenced its operation w.e.f. 15-02-2019.**

As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, train services are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. Of the 102 Vande Bharat train services operational (as on 24th July, 2024), 16 Vande Bharat Express services (on originating/Terminating basis) are serving the passengers of the stations located in the State of Maharashtra while 14 Vande Bharat Express services (on originating/Terminating basis) are catering to the passengers of the stations located in the State of Uttar Pradesh. Besides, introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat Express services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.

(d) Vande Bharat trains have been indigenously designed and are being manufactured in India.
