

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1514  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

**OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAIN IN PUDUCHERRY**

**1514 SHRI VE VAITHILINGAM:**

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

- (a) whether the Government plans to operate Vande Bharat trains connecting Puducherry with other parts like Tirupati, Tirunelveli, Coimbatore, Bengaluru and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (b) whether any survey is being conducted to assess the possibility of running Vande Bharat in Puducherry and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) and (b) At present, Puducherry is connected to Tirupati, Coimbatore and Bengaluru by two pairs of Mail/Express each. Similarly, one pair Mail/Express is catering to the needs of Puducherry-Tirunelveli sector. As on 24th July, 2024, 102 Vande Bharat train services are operating across the Indian Railways, which includes, 12 Vande Bharat services serving Bengaluru and 4 Vande Bharat services serving Coimbatore while 2 Vande Bharat services serve Tirunelveli and Tirupati each. Besides, introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat services, is an on-going process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.**

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