

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2696
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

STATUS OF VANDE BHARAT TO NORTH EAST

2696 SHRI PARIMAL SUKLABAIIDYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the number of Vande Bharat Trains to North East and if so, the details thereof; and

(b) whether the Government intends to launch Vande Bharat Trains from Silchar to other parts of the country including North-Eastern States 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) & (b) As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. As on 31st July, 2024, 102 Vande Bharat train services are running across Indian Railways, connecting States having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. Of these, 06 Vande Bharat Express services viz. 22227/22228 New Jalpaiguri-Guwahati Vande Bharat Express, 22301/22302 Howrah-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express and 22233/22234 Patna-New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express are serving the States located in the North-Eastern Frontier Railway. Presently, Silchar is presently being served by 15 pairs of regular services and 2 pairs of Special services connecting it *inter alia* to important places like Delhi, Kolkata, Secunderabad, Thiruvananthapuram, etc. Besides, introduction of trains, including Vande Bharat trains, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.
