

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 270
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

STATUS OF VANDE BHARAT AND PASSENGER TRAINS

270 SHRI K SUDHAKARAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of passenger trains added in every category including express, passenger, superfast etc. between 2004 and 2024, year-wise;**
- (b) the total expenditure incurred by the Government on purchasing/manufacturing of Vande Bharat trains up to June 2024;**
- (c) the total number of Vande Bharat trains currently operational in India, State-wise; and**
- (d) the occupancy (in percentage) of each Vande Bharat train that operated in India on May 7, 2024?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) To cater to the travelling needs of different segments of passengers, Indian Railways introduces and operates different types of services viz.-Express trains, Superfast trains, Passenger/MEMU/DEMU trains and Sub-urban services. Besides, introduction of train services is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

Further, the train-wise purchasing/manufacturing costs are not maintained.

As on 19th July, 2024, 102 Vande Bharat train services are running across Indian Railways, connecting all States having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. However, as the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains services are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. The overall occupancy of Vande Bharat trains on 07.05.2024 was 98.10 %.
