

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 326
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

HIGH SPEED TRAIN FACILITY

†326. SHRI GOPAL JEE THAKUR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the Darbhanga station under Samastipur Railway division is the largest revenue generating station but high speed train facility to the big cities is not available from here;

(b) whether the Government propose to operate Vande Bharat train from Darbhanga to New Delhi and Kolkata keeping in view redressal of inconvenience caused to people of Darbhanga; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c) Amrit Bharat services, which have modern and State-of the Art technology have been introduced by Indian Railways. These services are aimed to cater to the needs of passengers desirous of travelling by non-AC Sleeper class and General Class. These 22-coaches fully non-Air-Conditioned services, comprising 12 Non-AC Sleeper Coaches and 08 non-AC General Class Coaches, along with two Coaches with facilities for Divyangjan Passengers, are being operated on Push-Pull mode. These are equipped with advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free

travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc.

The first Amrit Bharat service viz. 15557/58 Darbhanga–Anand Vihar(T) Express, commenced its operation from Darbhanga station, w.e.f. 01-01- 2024. Besides, Darbhanga is presently being served by 52 pairs of train services which include 04 pairs of trains connecting it to Delhi, 08 pairs of train services each connecting it to Kolkata & Patna, 02 pairs of train services each connecting it to Mumbai, Secunderabad & Ahmedabad. Furthermore, introduction of train services including Vande Bharat trains is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.
