

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 367  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**OPERATE VANDE BHARAT TRAINS TO KERALA**

**367 ADV. ADOOR PRAKASH:**

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

- (a) whether the Railways planning to operate more Vande Bharat Express train services for connecting different destinations in Kerala;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the decision taken thereon;**
- (c) whether the Railways also planning to operate Vande Bharat Sleeper trains to Kerala; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the destinations considered for the same?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, as on 19th July, 2024, 102 Vande Bharat train services are operating across the Indian Railways including two pair of trains viz. 20631/20632 Mangaluru Central-Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express and 20633/20634 Kasaragod-Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express, serving the stations located in the state of Kerala. Besides, introduction of Vande Bharat services, including the new variants, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.**

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