

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 460  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.07.2024**

**ROUTE OF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS FOR MAHARASHTRA**

**†460 SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR:**

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

- (a) the details of proposed number of 'Vande Bharat Express' trains and routes thereof for Maharashtra;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to launch Vande Bharat Express trains to connect various places of Maharashtra with different States of the country and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the number of trains proposed to be launched by the Government in the current financial year, particularly to connect the tourist destinations of Maharashtra with rest of the States and the details of the coach factories set up in country and the total production capacity of Vande Bharat Express trains of the said coach factories; and**
- (d) the measures being taken/proposed to be taken to increase the production capacity of these coach factories to meet the target?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 460 BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 24.07.2024 REGARDING ROUTE OF VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS FOR MAHARASHTRA**

**(a) to (d) As on 19th July, 2024, 102 Vande Bharat Express services are operating on the Indian Railways network. Of these, 16 Vande Bharat Services are catering to the needs of the stations located in the State of Maharashtra. Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat Express services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.**

**Indian Railways (IR) have issued 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' policy in November-2021 with the objective to showcase India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places through Bharat Gaurav Trains. These are theme based tourist circuits trains. Under the policy, Railways does not propose routes or circuits; instead, service providers have full flexibility to decide the themes/itineraries for operation of Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit trains which may include tourist circuits of any part of India, including the State of Maharashtra based on market demand, commercial viability etc.**

**The Vande Bharat Coaches are being manufactured at Integral Coach Factory (ICF), Chennai, Tamil Nadu and Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala, Punjab and Modern Coach Factory (MCF), Raebareli, Uttar Pradesh. Further, the process of manufacture of Vande Bharat Coaches by Technology Partner in Marathwada Coach Factory, Latur is underway.**

**IR coach factories have the capability to manufacture about 7500 coaches per annum including Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB), Vande Bharat, Electric Multiple Unit (EMU), Mainline Electric Multiple Unit (MEMU) etc. Yearly coach product-mix is decided as per traffic requirement. Works amounting to ₹ 3595.31 crores have been sanctioned/proposed to augment the Production Capacity of LHB and Vande Bharat Coaches in Production Units.**

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