

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1470
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

**CANCELLATION OF TENDER PROCESS FOR 100 VANDE BHARAT
TRAINS**

1470. SHRI PUTTA MAHESH KUMAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the reasons behind the cancellation of tender process for 100 Vande Bharat trains;**
- (b) whether the cancellation of the said process was result of inadequate planning, unrealistic experience or poor communication among stake holders;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the cancellation of the said process would have an impact on the 'Make in India' initiative and the development of the domestic rail industry, if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the railways ensure that the cancellation of the said process does not lead to further delays and setbacks in the procurement of new trains; and**
- (f) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

(a) to (f): With a view to provide better travel experience to the passengers, Indian Railways introduced first-ever indigenously designed and manufactured semi- high speed Vande Bharat trains

with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities.

As on 21st November, 2024, 136 Vande Bharat train services are operational on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways. Further manufacturing of Vande Bharat Chair Car rakes is under progress.

Besides, Vande Bharat Sleeper Trains for long and medium Inter-state journey have also been planned. At present, 10 Vande Bharat Sleeper trains are under production and further Indian Railways has also provisioned for production of 50 Vande Bharat Sleeper sleeper rakes. In addition, contracts for manufacturing of 200 Vande Bharat sleeper rakes have also been awarded to Technology Partners.

Manufacture of coaches including Vande Bharat is a continuous process by Indian Railways and is undertaken based on traffic requirement.
