

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1482
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS IN SOUTHERN REGION

**1482. SHRI THARANIVENTHAN M S:
SHRI MALAIYARASAN D:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has started operating Vande Bharat trains on some more routes recently and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the number of Vande Bharat trains that are proposed to be operated in the coming years;**
- (c) whether the Government is likely to consider more such trains in the Southern region, especially in Tamil Nadu, in the near future due to commercial and industrial activities; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which they are likely to be started?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) As on 28th November, 2024, 136 Vande Bharat train services are running across the Indian Railways network. However, as the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. Presently, on originating/terminating basis, 16 Vande Bharat Express, 04 Vande Bharat Express, 12 Vande Bharat Express and 10 Vande Bharat Express are respectively catering to the needs of stations located in the States of Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Besides, introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource constraints, etc.
