

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1583
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.12.2024**

VANDE BHARAT SEMI HIGH SPEED TRAIN

1583. SHRI JAGADISH SHETTAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of measures being contemplated to commence the “Vande Bharat” Semi High Speed Train from Belagavi – Bangalore-Belagavi, where the trial run on the said route is successfully completed and which is just an extension of the present Vande Bharat traversing en-route Dharwar-Bangalore-Dharwar;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there are any plans to increase the frequency of the present said train commuting from Pune to Hubli (via Belagavi) and back, from present three days in a week to all seven days in a week; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Presently, 15 pairs of regular trains are catering to the needs of Bengaluru-Belgavi sector. Similarly, 17 pairs of regular trains including 20669/20670 Hubballi-Pune Vande Bharat Express (Tri-weekly) are catering to the needs of passengers of Pune-Hubballi sector. Pune-Hubballi sector is additionally being served by 1 pair of special train. Besides, extension and increase in frequency of train services, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
