

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 236
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

LAUNCHING THE VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS

**236 SHRI AMAR SHARADRAO KALE:
SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:
SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:
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SMT. SUPRIYA SULE:
PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD:
SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the rationale behind launching the Vande Bharat Express, and the extent to which it align the Government's goals for modernizing Indian Railways;**
- (b) the number of said trains presently playing in different routes along with the average income generated, State-wise;**
- (c) whether the Government intends to launch new said trains across the country especially in under-served or remote regions, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra and from New Delhi to Kathgodam;**
- (d) whether the Government has decided to reduce the speed of said trains and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (e) whether the said trains are not getting enough passengers due to high fares and if so, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard;**
- (f) whether the Government conducted any survey or gathered feedback on passenger satisfaction with the said trains, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (g) the other steps taken by the Government to provide world class facilities in the said Express trains for the train passengers?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (g) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 236 BY SHRI AMAR SHARADRAO KALE, SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE, SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH, SHRI BHASKAR MURLIDHAR BHAGARE, DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE, SHRI BAJRANG MANOHAR SONWANE, SMT. SUPRIYA SULE, PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD AND SHRI SANJAY DINA PATIL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.11.2024 REGARDING LAUNCHING THE VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS

(a) to (g) Improvement in coaches to enhance the passenger experience is a continuous ongoing process over Indian Railways and as a part of the greater objective to provide better travel experience and improved Safety, Indian Railways(IR) have introduced Vande Bharat trains which have enhanced safety features and modern passenger amenities like- KAVACH system, Faster acceleration, Fully Sealed Gangway, Automatic Plug Doors, Better Ride Comfort, Mini Pantry with provision of Hot Case, Bottle Cooler, Deep freezer & Hot water Boiler, Reclining Ergonomic Seats, Comfortable Seating with revolving seats in executive class, Mobile charging sockets for every seat, special lavatory for Divyangjan passengers in Driving Trailer Car(DTC), CCTVs etc.

As on 21st November, 2024, 136 Vande Bharat train services are operational on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways. Railway network straddles across State boundaries, and trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. Presently, 22 Vande Bharat services, on originating/terminating basis, are catering to the needs of the stations located in the State of Maharashtra. At present, Delhi-Kathgodam sector is served by 03 pairs of Mail/Express services including the services of 12039/40 Kathgodam-New Delhi Shatabdi Express. Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat services and its variants, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.

The Vande Bharat services are being operated at the Maximum Permissible speed of section enroute, so as to ensure optimal utilisation of speed potential. There is no proposal to reduce the speed of Vande Bharat services.

On Indian Railways, the demand pattern of reserved accommodation is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. Moreover, trains running on popular and convenient timings with lesser stoppage and running time are generally well patronized. During 2024-25 (upto October, 24) the overall occupancy of Vande Bharat express trains is more than 100%. On IR, State-wise and Train-wise average income generated is not maintained.

Railway passengers share their feedback on the services offered by Railway through Rail Anubhav of RailMadad Portal. During the period from 03.07.2024 to 20.11.2024, a total of 51, 346 feedback responses on Vande Bharat Trains have been received through Rail Anubhav.
