

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 252
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER TRAINS

252 SHRI KESINENI SIVANATH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is planning to launch Vande Bharat sleeper trains;**
- (b) if so, the timeline by which these trains will be used for commercial purposes;**
- (c) the rail routes that have been considered for deploying these trains;**
- (d) whether the Government aims to replace the Rajdhani trains with Vande Bharat sleeper coaches; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) As on 21st November, 2024, 136 Vande Bharat train services, having Chair Cars, are operational on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways, which have been introduced without replacement of existing services. 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.
