

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.272  
ANSWERED ON 27.11.2024**

**VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS FROM NEW DELHI TO KATHGODAM**

**272 SHRI JAI PRAKASH:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) whether the Government is contemplating to start Vande Bharat Express from New Delhi to Kathgodam during the current Financial Year;**
- (b) if so, the time by when the train will start running; and**
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (c) Presently, 136 Vande Bharat train services are operating on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways. At present, Delhi-Kathgodam sector is being served by 03 pairs of Mail/Express trains including the services of 12039/40 Kathgodam-New Delhi Shatabdi Express. Besides, introduction of Vande Bharat services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.**

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