

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3730
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

MANUFACTURING 500 VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has formulated any plan to manufacture 500 new generation Vande Bharat trains in the country in the coming three years, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether sleeper coaches in Vande Bharat trains are likely to be introduced soon;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the timeline for their operation?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) With a view to provide better travel experience to the passengers, Indian Railways introduced first-ever indigenously designed and manufactured semi-high speed Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities.

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As on 02nd December 2024, 136 Vande Bharat train services are operational on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways.

Vande Bharat Sleeper Trains have been planned for long and medium distance journey. Design of trains to be manufactured by Indian Railways has been finalized. At present, 10 Vande Bharat Sleeper trains are under production. The first prototype has been manufactured and will undergo field trials. The timeline of rollout of train is subject to successful completion of the trials.

In addition, manufacturing of 200 Vande Bharat Sleeper Rakes have also been awarded to Technology partners.

Design and Manufacture of coaches including Vande Bharat is a continuous process and is undertaken based on operational and traffic requirements.
