

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3865  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

**NAMO BHARAT RAPID RAIL**

**3865 SHRI RAJABHAU PARAG PRAKASH WAJE:**

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

- (a) whether the Rake structure and technical specifications of Namu Bharat Rapid Rail and Vande Bharat trainsets are same, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government will consider starting intercity services of said Rapid Rail between Nashik and Mumbai, CSMT;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the expected timeline of beginning of the services;**
- (d) whether the Government will consider providing the facility of Season Tickets for daily commuters in said Rail, if so, the details thereof;**
- (e) whether the Government has plans to introduce reserved seats in designated coaches in said Rail so that advance reservation facility can be availed by commuters, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the details of routes in Maharashtra on which Government has plans to begin services of the said Rail?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (f): With a view to provide better travel experience to the passengers, Indian Railways introduced first – ever indigenously**

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**designed and manufactured semi- high speed Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities.**

**To revolutionize the travelling experience of suburban and regional commuters for inter-city short distance movement, Namo Bharat Rapid Rail (12-Car formation) has been introduced between Bhuj-Ahmedabad on 16.09.2024, harnessing the features of Vande Bharat Trains. The second rake in 16-Car formation has also been manufactured. The prominent features of Namo Bharat Rapid Rail are as follows:**

- Centrally controlled Double Leaf Automatic Sliding Doors.**
- CCTVs for safety and passenger surveillance.**
- Mobile charging sockets.**
- Fire Detection System.**
- Continuous LED lighting with Energy Efficient Lighting system.**
- Emergency Talk System.**
- Modular interior with Cushioned Seats and Sealed Flexible Gangway.**
- FRP Modular Toilets with vacuum evacuation.**
- Fully Air-Conditioned trains with Driver cab AC.**

**As the railway network straddles across state boundaries, train services are introduced across such boundaries, as per network requirement. Presently, Nasik- Mumbai sector is served by 66 pairs of**

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**regular Mail/Express services. Besides, 8 pairs of special trains are also serving the sector.**

**Moreover, Namo Bharat Rapid Rail is fully unreserved train. There is already a provision for issuing season tickets in Namo Bharat Rapid Rail running over Indian Railways. However, at present, there is no proposal under consideration for providing reservation in Namo Bharat Rapid Rail.**

**Introduction of new train services, including Namo Bharat Rapid Rail, is an on-going process on Indian Railways subject to operational feasibility, traffic justification, availability of resources, etc.**

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