

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 443
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS

***443. SHRI RAJESH NARANBHAI CHUDASAMA:
DR. T SUMATHY ALIAS THAMIZHACHI THANGAPANDIAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of Vande Bharat Express trains operational in the country till now, State/UT-wise;**
- (b) the details of the number of proposed Vande Bharat Express trains and the number of trains expected to start in the country, State/UT-wise particularly in the State of Gujarat;**
- (c) the average occupancy of Vande Bharat Express trains on operational routes, State/UT-wise; and**
- (d) whether the Government plans to add either Bapatla or Chirala in Andhra Pradesh as a stoppage for Vande Bharat Express and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF LOK SABHA
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(a) to (d) Railway network straddles across State boundaries. Accordingly, trains are introduced as per network requirement across such boundaries.

As on 31st March, 2025, 136 Vande Bharat train services, having Chair Cars, are operational on the Indian Railways network. Of these, 08 Vande Bharat train services, on originating/terminating basis, are catering to the stations located in the State of Gujarat. Besides, 02 Namo Rapid Rail Services are also operational on the Ahmedabad-Bhuj sector.

The overall occupancy of Vande Bharat trains during financial year 2024-25 (upto February, 2025) is more than 100%.

Presently, Bapatla and Chirala are being served by 27 pairs and 40 pairs of regular train services, which are providing connectivity to various stations including Secunderabad/Hyderabad, Vijayawada, Chennai and Tirupati.

20701/20702 Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express has scheduled stoppage at Guntur and Ongole while 20677/20678 Chennai Central - Vijayawada Vande Bharat Express has scheduled stoppage at Tenali and Ongole.

Besides, introduction of new train services and provision of stoppage of existing train services, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
