GOVERNMENT OF INDIA MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3059 TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025

FREQUENCY OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

3059. COM. SELVARAJ V:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the Vande Bharat trains introduced so far with frequencies of each route;
- (b) the details of Vande Bharat trains proposed to be introduced during the current year;
- (c) whether the Government has any plan to introduce Vande Bharat sleeper trains;
- (d) if so, the details of the routes selected and expected timeline of their operation;
- (e) whether it is a fact that after the introduction of the Vande Bharat trains, there has been inordinate delays in the schedules of other trains in such routes; and
- (f) if so, the details and steps being taken to reschedule the time table of other trains so that the passengers are not put into troubles?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (f) As on 18th, March, 2025, 136 Vande Bharat train services, having Chair Cars, are operational on Indian Railways. On Indian Railways, passenger train services, including Vande Bharat services, are operated as per charted time table and General Order of Precedence of Trains, without infringing other services and all efforts are made to run trains as per their schedule. Of the 136 Vande Bharat services, 122 services are operating as 6 -days a week, 02 services as 4-days a week, 08 services as Tri-weekly and 04 services as weekly 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.
