

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3102  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 19.03.2025**

**REDUCING FARE OF VANDE BHARAT TRAIN**

**3102. MD. RAKIBUL HUSSAIN:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has considered to reduce the fares of the Vande Bharat Express to make this premium train service more affordable for a larger section of the population, particularly for lower-income groups; and**
- (b) if so, the details of the steps being taken to ensure that the Vande Bharat Express remains financially accessible while maintaining the quality and safety of the services provided?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) & (b) Indian Railway fixes the fares with due consideration of the cost of service, value of service, what passengers can bear, competition from other competing modes, socio economic considerations etc. The fares of various trains / classes is based on the facilities provided in these trains. Indian Railways (IR) run various types of train services for different types of passenger segments. Evaluation and rationalization of passenger fares, including those of Vande Bharat trains, is a continuous and on-going process.**

**Recently IR have introduced Amrit Bharat services, which are fully non-AC trains, presently comprising 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches providing high quality services to larger section of the population, particularly lower income groups. These have modern State-of the Art technology, equipped with advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc.**

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