

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4145
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

INTRODUCTION OF VANDE METRO TRAINS IN TAMIL NADU

4145. THIRU D M KATHIR ANAND:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government proposes to introduce Vande Metro trains from Chennai to Vellore and other metro cities in Tamil Nadu and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of the total number of Vande Bharat trains currently operational across the country, State-wise including Tamil Nadu; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to reduce the ticket fare in Vande Bharat trains for the benefit of poor and middle-class people in the country and if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) At present, Chennai-Vellore (Katpadi) sector is being served by 61 pairs of train services including 20607/20608 MGR Chennai Central - Mysuru Vande Bharat Express and 20663/20664 Mysuru - MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express.

Presently, 136 Vande Bharat services are operating on the Indian Railways(IR) network. Railway network straddles across State boundaries. Accordingly, trains are introduced across such boundaries as per network requirement. At present, on originating/terminating basis, 16 Vande Bharat trains are catering to the needs of various stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu.

To enhance the travelling experience of suburban and regional commuters, IR have introduced Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services, which have prominent features like 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, etc.. Presently, 2 Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services are being operated on the IR network.

Besides, introduction of new train services including Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.

The fares of various trains / classes including Vande Bharat is based on the services/facilities provided in these trains. 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.
