

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5230
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

RESERVATION OCCUPANCY OF AMRIT BHARAT TRAINS

5230. SHRI SUDHAKAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the current reservation occupancy percentage of Amrit Bharat Trains and whether there has been any assessment of passenger demand for these trains;**
- (b) the number of Amrit Bharat Trains currently under construction and the expected timeline for their completion/ deployment;**
- (c) whether the Government has plans for increasing the number of Amrit Bharat Trains in Bihar, given the high passenger demand and limited availability of affordable long-distance travel options in the State, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the timeline for introducing more Amrit Bharat Trains on key routes in Bihar; and**
- (e) whether any new routes have been identified for future expansion, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) At present two pairs of Amrit Bharat trains i.e. 13433/13434 SMVT Bengaluru – Malda Town and 15557/15558 Darbhanga Junction - Anand Vihar Terminal, are operational on Indian Railways. During the

financial year 2023-24 & 2024-25 (up to February 2025), the overall occupancy of Amrit Bharat Trains is more than 100%.

A production programme for manufacturing of 100 Amrit Bharat Trains in coach production units of Indian Railways has been issued. The timelines for the production of these trains depend upon a number of factors including traffic requirements vis-a-vis other coach variants and smooth supply of material etc.

Further, on Indian Railways, occupancy pattern of trains is not uniform throughout the year and it varies over lean and peak periods. During peak rush periods, the occupancy of the trains especially on popular routes remains full whereas during lean period and on less popular routes, there is sub optimal utilization.

Moreover, Railway network straddles across State boundaries. Accordingly, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. Of the 2 pairs of Amrit Bharat Express trains presently operational on the Indian Railways network one pair namely, 15557/15558 Darbhanga Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express is catering to the needs of passengers of the stations located in the State of Bihar.

Besides, introduction of train services, including Amrit Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability etc.
