

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1675
TO BE ANSWERED ON 30.07.2025**

VANDE SADHARAN TRAIN SERVICE

1675 SHRI CAPTAIN BRIJESH CHOWTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the objectives and design features of the Vande Sadharan train service including seating capacity, fare structure and onboard amenities;**
- (b) the criteria used by the Government to identify routes for the introduction of Vande Sadharan services;**
- (c) whether proposals have been received from the State Government regarding operating Vande Sadharan trains from Mangaluru and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the timeline by which the said services are likely to be operationalised, after approval?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Improvement/up-gradation of Rolling Stock to enhance safety and comfort of passengers is a continuous and ongoing process on Indian Railways.

Indian Railways (IR) has introduced fully non-AC Amrit Bharat trains, presently comprising 11 General Class coaches, 8 Sleeper

Class coaches, 1 Pantry car and 02 Second class cum Luggage cum Guard Van & Disabled Friendly Compartment. These trains have been designed and manufactured to cater to the needs of general public by providing world class modern and comfortable rail travel experience to passengers of Non-AC segment. IR has provisioned for production of 100 Amrit Bharat Trains.

High Speed, enhanced Safety standards and world class service are the hallmarks of this train with following enhanced features and amenities:

- i. Better aesthetics of seat and berths with enhanced look & feel on the lines of Vande Bharat Sleeper.**
- ii. Jerk Free Semi-Automatic Couplers.**
- iii. Improved Crashworthy features.**
- iv. Provision of CCTV system in all coaches and Luggage room.**
- v. Improved designs of toilets.**
- vi. Improved design of Ladder for ease of climbing on to the berth.**
- vii. Improved LED Light fitting & Charging Sockets.**
- viii. Provision of EP assisted braking system.**
- ix. Aerosol based fire suppression system in toilets and electrical cubicles.**
- x. USB Type-A and Type-C mobile charging sockets.**
- xi. Emergency Talk Back system for two-way communication between Passenger and Guard/Train Manager.**
- xii. Non-AC Pantry with enhanced heating capacity.**
- xiii. Fully sealed gangways with quick release mechanism for easy attachment and detachment.**

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 are based on the facilities provided in these trains. Indian Railways (IR) runs various types of train services for different types of passenger segments.

However, Indian Railways continues to run a large number of trains with affordable fare structures, including Mail/Express and passenger trains, for the benefit of the general public including the poor and lower middle class. IR has also introduced Amrit Bharat services and Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services, providing high quality services to larger section of the population, particularly lower income groups.

Representations/requests, both formal and informal, are received from State Governments, Ministries of Central Government, Elected Representatives, Consultative Committees etc. by the Railways at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional office etc. As receipt of such representations/requests is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such representations/requests is not maintained. However, the representation/request etc. are dealt as per laid down procedure/guidelines and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.

Further, presently, Mangaluru Central is being served by 56 train services including 4 Vande Bharat train services while Mangaluru Junction is served by 80 train services.

Besides, introduction of train services including Amrit Bharat train services and its variants is an on-going process on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources, etc.
