

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 463
TO BE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2025**

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS IN MAHARASHTRA

463. SHRI NILESH DNYANDEV LANKE:

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PROF. VARSHA EKNATH GAIKWAD:

SHRI MOHITE PATIL DHAIRYASHEEL RAJSINH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the number of Vande Bharat Express trains currently operating in the State of Maharashtra along with their routes, frequency and year of introduction;

(b) whether any representations have been received from public representatives for introducing Vande Bharat trains connecting major cities like Nagpur, Aurangabad, Nashik, Kolhapur and Solapur and if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) the details of the criteria adopted for selecting new Vande Bharat routes;

(d) whether Maharashtra's intra-State and inter-State connectivity needs have been factored in and if so, the details thereof;

(e) the total funds allocated and spent on Vande Bharat-related infrastructure including station maintenance depots and operational facilities in Maharashtra;

(f) whether the Government has conducted any study or assessment to improve railway connectivity between non-metro cities in Maharashtra such as Nashik, Kolhapur, Aurangabad, Jalgaon, Solapur, Akola and Chandrapur and if so, the details thereof;

(g) the details of the steps taken to modernise/upgrade existing rail infrastructure in non-metro regions of Maharashtra to facilitate new express services; and

(h) whether the Government proposes to introduce semi-high-speed or express train services including Vande Bharat or similar trains, connecting these cities for faster regional mobility and if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (h) Presently, 144 Vande Bharat train services are operational on the Indian Railways(IR) network which include the following 22 Vande Bharat train services (on originating/terminating basis) which are catering to the needs of various stations located in the State of Maharashtra.

Sl	Train no. and name	Frequency	W.e.f
1	20101/20102 Nagpur-Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express	6 days a week	19-09-2024
2	20669/20670 Hubballi-Pune Vande Bharat Express	3 days a week	18-09-2024
3	20673/20674 SCSM(T) Kolhapur - Pune Vande Bharat Express	3 days a week	18-09-2024
4	20705/20706 Jalna-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express	6 days a week	30-12-2023
5	20825/20826 Bilaspur-Nagpur Vande Bharat Express	6 days a week	12-12-2022
6	20901/20902 Mumbai Central-Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express	6 days a week	30-09-2022

7	20911/20912 Indore-Nagpur Vande Bharat Express	6 days a week	27-06-2023
8	22223/22224 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T)-Sainagar Shirdi Vande Bharat Express	6 days a week	11-02-2023
9	22225/22226 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T)-Solapur Vande Bharat Express	6 days a week	11-02-2023
10	22229/22230 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T)-Madgaon Vande Bharat Express	3 days a week	28-06-2023
11	22961/22962 Mumbai Central-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express	6 days a week	09-03-2024

Nagpur, Aurangabad, Nasik Road, SCSM(T) Kolhapur and Solapur stations are being served by Vande Bharat Express services. However, as the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced across such boundaries as per network requirement.

Besides, introduction of train services including Vande Bharat Express services and provision of stoppages to improve connectivity are on-going processes on Indian Railways, subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, etc.

The expenditure on infrastructure including that related to Vande Bharat trains is part of expenditure on overall maintenance and upgradation works of Railways and is incurred under both Revenue and Capital Segments.

To improve the rail connectivity of various cities located in Maharashtra, following major projects falling fully/partly in the State of Maharashtra have been taken up:-

SN	Name of the Project	Cost (₹ in Cr)
1	Manmad-Indore New Line (309 Km)	16,321
2	Jalna-Ajanta-Jalgaon New Line (174 Km)	5,804
3	Aurangabad-Ankai doubling (98 Km)	961
4	Parbhani-Parli-Vaijanath doubling (65 Km)	770
5	Jalgaon-Manmad 4th Line (160 Km)	2,574
6	Bhusawal-Khandwa 3rd and 4th Line (131 Km)	3,285
7	Kalyan-Murbad new line (28 km)	836
8	Ahmednagar-Beed-Parli new line (261 km)	2,539
9	Wardha-Yavatmal-Nanded new line (284 km)	3,445
10	Solapur-Osmanabad new line (84 km)	905
11	Baramati-Lonand new line (64 km)	736
12	Ratlam-Khandwa-Akola Gauge conversion (525 km)	6,384
13	Wadsa-Gadchiroli new line (53 km)	852
