

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA**

**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 478  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

**VANDE BHARAT TRAINS IN TAMIL NADU**

**478. DR. KALANIDHI VEERASWAMY:**

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

- (a) the total number of Vande Bharat trains currently operational in the southern States, including Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) whether the Government proposes to introduce new Vande Bharat routes connecting major cities and towns in the southern region during the current or next financial year and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the criteria adopted by the Government for selecting new routes for Vande Bharat services and keeping in view the regional balance; and**
- (d) whether the Government has received any representations/demands from southern States regarding additional Vande Bharat trains and if so, the details thereof including the action taken thereon?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries.**

**Introduction of new trains including Vande Bharat train services on any route/section depends on various factors which include:**

- Capacity of that section,**
- Availability of path,**
- Availability of required rolling stock,**
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock,**
- Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets**

**Of the 164 Vande Bharat services operationalised by the Indian Railways, the number of services, on originating/terminating basis, catering to the stations located in various southern States are as under:**

<b>State</b>	<b>No. of Vande Bharat services</b>
<b>Tamil Nadu</b>	<b>16 services</b>
<b>Kerala</b>	<b>6 services</b>
<b>Karnataka</b>	<b>22 services</b>
<b>Andhra Pradesh</b>	<b>12 services</b>
<b>Telangana</b>	<b>10 services</b>

**Proposals/ requests/ suggestions/ representations, both formal and informal *inter alia* for introduction of trains including Vande Bharat trains and its variants are received from Members of Parliament, elected representatives, organizations/rail users etc. at various levels including Railway Board, Zonal Railways, Divisional Office etc. As receipt of such proposals/ requests/ suggestions is a continuous and dynamic process, centralized compendium of such requests is not maintained. However, these are examined and action as found feasible and justified is taken from time to time.**

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