

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 595
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

PUNCTUALITY OF MAIL/EXPRESS/PASSENGER TRAINS

595. DR. LATA WANKHEDE:

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SHRI ATUL GARG:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the punctuality performance of Mail/ Express/ Passenger trains during the last year along with the primary reasons for delays, zone-wise;**
- (b) the average occupancy rate of Vande Bharat Express trains since their introduction, routewise;**
- (c) whether any routes has low passenger load and if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the details of the steps being taken to rationalise Vande Bharat fares to improve occupancy;**
- (e) whether the "Vande Bharat Sleeper" version has been finalised for overnight routes and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the timeline for introducing high-speed rail corridors on other identified routes?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) Indian Railways makes all possible efforts to run trains on time. Several factors affect punctual running of trains which include foggy weather, path constraints, asset maintenance, alarm chain

pulling, agitations, cattle run over and other unforeseen circumstances. Overall punctuality of Mail/Express trains on Indian Railways during 2024-25 was 77.12% and during 2025-26 (April-October) was about 80%.

The overall occupancy of Vande Bharat Express trains has been around 100%.

The Sleeper Variant of Vande Bharat has been indigenously designed and developed. Two such rakes have already been manufactured and are under extensive trials/commissioning.

(f) Presently, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project (508 km) is under execution with technical and financial assistance from the Government of Japan. HSR projects are highly capital intensive and any decision for taking up new project is based on many factors such as technical feasibility, financial & economic viability, traffic demand and availability of funds & financing options etc.
