

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 613
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.12.2025**

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS CONNECTING WASHIM-YAVATMAL AND PARBHANI

**†613. SHRI SANJAY UTTAMRAO DESHMUKH:
SHRI SANJAY HARIBHAU JADHAV:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat Express trains currently operational in Maharashtra along with the details of their rail route frequency and the year of their commencement;**
- (b) whether any representations from public representatives has been received to start Vande Bharat Trains connecting other cities in various areas of Maharashtra including Washim-Yavatmal and Parbhani Lok Sabha Constituency;**
- (c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard;**
- (d) the details of criteria adopted for the selection of new Vande Bharat routes;**
- (e) whether the need of Internal and Interstate connectivity has been taken care of in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) the total funds allocated and spent on infrastructure related the Vande Bharat as well as station maintenance, Depo and operational facilities in Maharashtra; and**
- (g) the details of the allocation and expenditure made since commencement of above scheme?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) to (g) As the railway network straddles across boundaries of States/Parliamentary constituencies, trains are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries.**

Presently, Indian Railways have operationalised 164 Vande Bharat train services. Of which, the following 24 Vande Bharat Express services (on origination/termination basis) are serving various stations located in the State of Maharashtra:

Sl.	Train no. and name	Date of Introduction	Frequency
1	26101/26102 Pune-Ajni Vande Bharat Express	11-08-2025	6 Days a week
2	20101/20102 Nagpur-Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express	19-09-2024	6 Days a week
3	20669/20670 Hubballi-Pune Vande Bharat Express	18-09-2024	3 Days a week
4	20673/20674 SCSM(T) Kolhapur-Pune Vande Bharat Express	18-09-2024	3 Days a week
5	22961/22962 Mumbai Central-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express	09-03-2024	6 Days a week
6	20705/20706 H S Nanded-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T) Vande Bharat Express	30-12-2023	6 Days a week
7	22229/22230 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T)-Madgaon Vande Bharat Express	28-06-2023	6 Days a week
8	20911/20912 Indore-Nagpur Vande Bharat Express	27-06-2023	6 Days a week
9	22223/22224 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T)-Sainagar Shirdi Vande Bharat Express	11-02-2023	6 Days a week
10	22225/22226 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T)-Solapur Vande Bharat Express	11-02-2023	6 Days a week

11	20825/20826 Bilaspur-Nagpur Vande Bharat Express	12-12-2022	6 Days a week
12	20901/20902 Mumbai Central-Gandhinagar Capital Vande Bharat Express	30-09-2022	6 Days a week

To facilitate the passengers of Parbhani, 20705/20706 Jalna-Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj(T) Vande Bharat Express has been extended upto H. S. Nanded via Parbhani w.e.f. 28.08.2025. Further, 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**

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.

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.