

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 379  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026**

**VANDE BHARAT FROM CHENNAI TO KANYAKUMARI**

**\*379. THIRU THANGA TAMILSELVAN:  
DR. GANAPATHY RAJKUMAR P:**

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

- (a) whether the Government has any proposal to introduce a Vande Bharat train from Chennai to Kanyakumari via Madurai and Chennai to Kanyakumari via Coimbatore; and**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) and (b): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.379 TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026 IN LOK SABHA**

**(a) and (b) To facilitate the passengers of Chennai – Madurai - Kanniyakumari sector, 16121/16122 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express (via Madurai and Nagercoil Town) has been introduced w.e.f. 23.01.2026.**

**In addition, 20627/20628 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express has also been introduced to facilitate the passengers of Chennai – Madurai - Kanniyakumari sector. Accordingly, Chennai – Madurai - Kanniyakumari sector is presently served by the following 24 train services:**

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Train No. and Name</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>20627/20628 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>16121/16122 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>12633/12634 Chennai Egmore - Kanniyakumari Express</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>12641/12642 Kanniyakumari - Hazrat Nizamuddin Express</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>12665/12666 Howrah - Kanniyakumari Express</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>12667/12668 Tambaram - Kanniyakumari Express</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>12689/12690 MGR Chennai Central - Kanniyakumari Express</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>16127/16128 Chennai Egmore - Guruvayur Express</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>16367/16368 Kanniyakumari - Banaras Express</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>20635/20636 Chennai Egmore - Kollam Express</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>20691/20692 Tambaram - Nagercoil Express</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>22657/22658 Tambaram - Kanniyakumari Express</b>

**Further, Chennai – Coimbatore sector is served by 48 train services while Coimbatore – Kanniyakumari sector is served by 18 train services as listed below.**

**Chennai – Coimbatore sector:**

<b>Sl.</b>	<b>Train No. and Name</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>12243/12244 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Shatabdi Express</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>12507/12508 Silchar - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>12511/12512 Gorakhpur - Thiruvananthapuram North Express</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>12515/12516 Coimbatore - Silchar Express</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>12521/12522 Barauni - Ernakulam Express</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>12623/12624 MGR Chennai Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>12671/12672 MGR Chennai Central - Metupalaiyam Express</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>12673/12674 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Express</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>12675/12676 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Express</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>12679/12680 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Express</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>12681/12682 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Express</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>12695/12696 MGR Chennai Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>12969/12970 Coimbatore - Jaipur Express</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>13351/13352 Dhanbad - Alappuzha Express</b>

15	16159/16160 Chennai Egmore - Mangalore Central Express
16	20643/20644 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
17	22207/22208 MGR Chennai Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Express
18	22637/22638 MGR Chennai Central - Mangalore Central Express
19	22639/22640 MGR Chennai Central - Alappuzha Express
20	22641/22642 Thiruvananthapuram Central - Shalimar Express
21	22643/22644 Ernakulam - Patna Express
22	22645/22646 Indore - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
23	22647/22648 Korba - Thiruvananthapuram North Express
24	22669/22670 Ernakulam - Patna Express

**Coimbatore – Kanniyakumari sector:**

Sl.	Train No. and Name
1	12659/12660 Nagercoil - Shalimar Express
2	16317/16318 Kanniyakumari - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Express
3	16321/16322 Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express
4	16381/16382 Pune - Kanniyakumari Express
5	16525/16526 Kanniyakumari - KSR Bengaluru Express

<b>6</b>	<b>20603/20604 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>22503/22504 Kanniyakumari - Dibrugarh Express</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>22619/22620 Bilaspur - Tirunelveli Express</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>22667/22668 Nagercoil - Coimbatore Express</b>

**Besides, introduction of new trains including Vande Bharat train services on any route/section, which is an on-going process, 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**

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