

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**
LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 64
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026

MANUFACTURING OF VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER RAKES

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of train rakes being manufactured by Indian Railway in the country;**
- (b) the status of the number of train rakes proposed for manufacturing/under manufacturing for Vande Bharat Sleeper trains in the country particularly in Jharkhand;**
- (c) the details of the proposed timeline for completion of manufacturing of these train rakes along with their induction into the regular passenger service;**
- (d) the comparative features of Vande Bharat sleeper trains vis-a vis conventional overnight trains in terms of speed, onboard amenities, safety features and passenger comfort with reference to design and performance specifications;**
- (e) the proposed manufacturing and network expansion plan for Vande Bharat sleeper rakes;**
- (f) whether the Government proposes to introduce direct train service of Vande Bharat sleeper trains from Delhi to Kachchh and from Darbhanga to Delhi via Sitamarhi, Ayodhya Dham and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (g) whether the Government proposes to introduce services of Vande Bharat sleeper trains on major routes in Madhya Pradesh (particularly on the train routes connected with Itarsi-Nagpur and Chhindwara), North Eastern India, Bhopal-Patna, Bhopal-Ayodhya, Darbhanga to Delhi via Sitamarhi, Ayodhya Dham route and in Andhra Pradesh and Palghar district of Maharashtra route in near future and if so, the details thereof including proposed route;**

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(h) whether the Government proposes to provide better connectivity in the network expansion including Palghar district in Maharashtra and if so, the details thereof; and

(i) the number of rail rakes and traction equipment manufactured in BHEL, Bengaluru and Projected numbers in the next two years?

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (i): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (i) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.64 TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026 IN LOK SABHA

(a) to (i) Indian Railway Production Units are manufacturing a wide range of passenger rolling stock including trainsets like Vande Bharat, Namo Bharat, Rapid and Regional Metro rakes, Kolkata Metro Rakes, Amrit Bharat and mainline LHB coaches.

For long distance travel, the sleeper variant of Vande Bharat Express has been indigenously designed and developed. Two such trains have already been manufactured. After extensive trials these are presently operational between Howrah and Kamakhya.

The process of development of new rolling stocks like Vande Sleeper necessitates a holistic approach, combining technological innovation, strategic planning and manufacturing to ensure a safe, reliable and comfortable travel. This involves development of prototype, extensive testing and trials followed by series production.

Vande Bharat Sleeper Train manufacturing programme is being executed in a phased manner through prototype development, trials and series production by BEML & Integral Coach Factory, Chennai and technology partners.

Induction of these trainsets into regular passenger service will be undertaken in a phased manner based on demand and operational readiness. A total of 260 rakes of Vande Bharat Sleeper trainsets have been planned for manufacture.

To improve travel experience of the passengers and set new benchmarks in terms of safe and comfortable journey, these train sets have been provided

with modern coaches having advanced safety features and passenger amenities like:

- **Jerk-Free Semi permanent couplers and Anti Climbers**
- **Fitted with KAVACH.**
- **Higher acceleration with design/operating speed of 180/160 KMPH.**
- **Crashworthy Design of Car body complying with EN standards.**
- **Fire barrier doors at the end of each coach for compliance of fire safety standards.**
- **Improved fire safety – Aerosol based fire detection and suppression system in electrical cabinets and lavatories.**
- **Regenerative braking system for energy efficiency.**
- **Air conditioning units provided with indigenously developed UV-C lamp-based disinfection system for deactivating 99 % harmful bacteria from conditioned air to improve the hygiene standards inside the passenger area.**
- **Centrally controlled Automatic Plug Doors and Fully Sealed wider gangways.**
- **CCTVs in all coaches.**
- **Emergency talk-back unit for communication between Passenger and Train Manager/Loco Pilot in case of emergency.**
- **For Divyangjan passengers, special lavatory in the driving coaches on each end.**
- **Centralized Coach Monitoring System for better condition monitoring of passenger amenities such as Air conditioning, Saloon Lighting etc.**
- **Ergonomically designed ladder for ease of climbing on to upper berths.**

Introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat Sleeper, 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**

Presently, Delhi-Bhuj sector is served by the following 03 pairs of train services.

Delhi-Bhuj sector:	
1	14311/14312 Bareilly-Bhuj Ala Hazrat Express
2	14321/14322 Bareilly – Bhuj Express
3	20984/20985 Delhi Sarai Rohilla-Bhuj Express

Further, on end-to-end basis, Delhi-Darbhanga sector is served by 04 Pairs of regular services while Darbhanga – Ayodhya Dham sector is served by 04 pairs of trains including 02 pairs of trains via Sitamarhi as under:

Darbhanga-Delhi sector:	
1	12565/12566 Darbhanga-New Delhi Bihar Sampark Kranti Express
2	12561/12562 Jaynagar-New Delhi SwatantrataSenani Express
3	12435/12436 Jaynagar-Anand Vihar Garib Rath Express
4	15557/15558 Anand Vihar (T)-Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express (via Sitamarhi)

Darbhanga-Ayodhya dham sector:	
1	15561/15562 Darbhanga-Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express (via Sitmarhi)
2	15557/15558 Darbhanga-Anand Vihar(T) Amrit Bharat Express (via Sitmarhi)
3	14649/14650 Jaynagar-Amritsar Saryu Yamuna Express
4	19165/19166 Darbhanga-Ahmedabad Sabarmati Express

Similarly, Itarsi-Nagpur, Bhopal-Patna & Bhopal-Ayodhya sectors are served by 57 pairs, 05 pairs & 04 pairs of train services respectively.

Lists of above mentioned sectors are as below:

Itarsi-Nagpur sector:	
1	11045/11046 Dhanbad-Kolhapur Dikshabhumi Express
2	12159/12160 Jabalpur-Amravati Express
3	12193/1219 Jabalpur-Yesvantpur Express
4	12295/12296 Danapur-SMVT Bengaluru Sanghamitra Express
5	12405/12406 H. Nizamuddin-Bhusaval Express
6	12409/12410 H. Nizamuddin-Raigarh Gondwana Express
7	12511/12512 Gorakhpur-Thiruvananthapuram North RaptiSagar Express
8	12521/12522 Barauni-Ernakulam Raptisagar Express
9	12539/12540 Lucknow-Yesvantpur Express
10	12577/12578 Darbhanga-Mysuru Bagmati Express
11	12589/12590 Gorakhpur-Charlapalli Express
12	12591/12592 Gorakhpur-Yesvantpur Express
13	12615/12616 New Delhi-MGR Chennai Central Grand Trunk Express

14	12621/12622 New Delhi–MGR Chennai Central Tamil Nadu Express
15	12625/12626 New Delhi–Thiruvananthapuram Central Kerala Express
16	12641/12642 H. Nizamuddin–Kanyakumari Thirukkural Express
17	12643/12644 H. Nizamuddin–Thiruvananthapuram Central Swarna Jayanti Express
18	12645/12646 H Nizamuddin–Ernakulam Millennium Express
19	12647/12648 H Nizamuddin–Coimbatore Kongu Express
20	12669/12670 Chhapra–MGR Chennai Central Ganga Kaveri Express
21	12721/12722 H Nizamuddin–Hyderabad Deccan Dakshin Express
22	12791/12792 Danapur–Secunderabad Express
23	12803/12804 H Nizamuddin–Visakhapatnam Swarna Jayanti Express
24	12807/12808 H Nizamuddin–Visakhapatnam Samta Express
25	12923/12924 Dr. Ambedkar Nagar (Mhow)–Nagpur Express
26	12967/12968 Jaipur–MGR Chennai Central Express
27	12969/12970 Jaipur–Coimbatore Express
28	12975/12976 Jaipur–Mysuru Express
29	15023/15024 Gorakhpur–Yesvantpur Express
30	15293/15294 Muzaffarpur–Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
31	16031/16032 SMVD Katra–MGR Chennai Central Andaman Express
32	16093/16094 Lucknow Junction–MGR Chennai Central Express
33	16317/16318 SMVD Katra–Kanyakumari Himsagar Express
34	16601/16602 Erode–Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express

35	16787/16788 SMVD Katra–Tirunelveli Navyug Express
36	17609/17610 Patna–Purna Express
37	18237/18238 Amritsar–Korba Chhattisgarh Express
38	20481/20482 Bhagat Ki Kothi–Tiruchchirappalli Humsafar Express
39	20497/20498 Firozpur Cantt–Rameswaram Humsafar Express
40	20813/20814 Jodhpur–Puri Express
41	20843/20844 Bhagat Ki Kothi–Bilaspur Express
42	20845/20846 Bikaner –Bilaspur Express
43	20911/20912 Indore Nagpur Vande Bharat Express
44	20917/20918 Indore –Puri Humsafar Express
45	22175/22176 Jaipur–Nagpur Express
46	22351/22352 Saharsa–SMVT Bengaluru Express
47	22353/22354 Patna –SMVT Bengaluru Humsafar Express
48	22403/22404 New Delhi–Puducherry Express
49	22533/22534 Gorakhpur–Yesvantpur Express
50	22535/22536 Varanasi–Rameswaram Express
51	22613/22614 Ayodhya Cantt.–Rameswaram Shraddha Sethu Express
52	22631/22632 Bikaner–Madurai Anuvrat Express
53	22645/22646 Indore–Thiruvananthapuram North Ahilyanagari Express
54	22669/22670 Patna–Ernakulam Express
55	22673/22674 Bhagat Ki Koth–Mannargudi Express
56	22683/22684 Lucknow–Yesvantpur Express
57	22691/22692 H Nizamuddin–KSR Bengaluru Rajdhani Express

Bhopal-Patna sector:	
1	19421/19422 Ahmedabad–Patna Express
2	19483/19484 Ahmedabad–Saharsa Express
3	19435/19436 Ahmedabad–Asansol Express
4	19321/19322 Indore–Patna Express
5	19313/19314 Indore–Patna Express

Bhopal-Ayodhya sector:	
1	15023/15024 Yesvantpur–Gorakhpur Express
2	22583/22584 Lokmanya Tilak (T)–ChhapraAntyodaya Express
3	19321/19322 Indore–Patna Express
4	22129/22130 Lokmanya Tilak (T)–Prayagraj Tulsi Express

Further, Chhindwara and Palghar station are served by 11 pairs & 52 pairs of train services respectively as listed below

Trains serving Chhindwara:	
1	11201/11202 Nagpur–Shahdol Express
2	11755/11756 NSCB Itwari–Rewa Express
3	19343/19344 Indore –Nainpur Panchvalley Express
4	20423/20424 Seoni–Nainpur Patalkot Express
5	58819/ 58820 NSCB Itwari–Chhindwara Passenger
6	58821/58822 NSCB Itwari–Chhindwara Passenger
7	58823/58824 Chhindwara–Nainpur Passenger
8	58825/58826 Chhindwara–Nainpur Passenger
9	58829/58830 Seoni–Betul Passenger
10	61123/61124 Amla–Chhindwara MEMU
11	61125/61126 Amla–Chhindwara MEMU

Trains serving Palghar:

1	12471/12472 Bandra (T) – SMVD Katra Swaraj Express
2	12489/12490 Sri Ganganagar – Dadar Express
3	12901 Dadar – Ahmedabad Gujarat Mail Express
4	12921/12922 Mumbai Central – Surat Flying Rani Express
5	12979/12980 Bandra (T) – Jaipur Express
6	12995/12996 Bandra (T) – Ajmer Express
7	14707/14708 Hanumangarh – Dadar Ranakpur Express
8	16209/16210 Ajmer – Mysuru Express
9	19001/19002 Virar – Surat Express
10	19003/19004 Dadar – Bhusaval Khandesh Express
11	19015/19016 Dadar – Porbandar Saurashtra Express
12	19019/19020 Bandra(T) – Haridwar Dehradun Express
13	19101/19102 Virar – Bharuch/Surat Express
14	19217/19218 Bandra (T) – Veraval Saurashtra Janta Express
15	19417/19418 Borivali – Vatva/Ahmedabad Express
16	19425/19426 Borivali – Nandurbar Express
17	20483/20484 Bhagat Ki Kothi – Dadar Express
18	20909/20910 Thiruvananthapuram North (Kochuveli) – Porbandar Express
19	22659/22660 Thiruvananthapuram North (Kochuveli) – Yog Nagari Rishikesh Superfast Express
20	22919/22920 MGR Chennai Central – Ahmedabad Humsafar Express
21	22927/22928 Bandra (T) – Ahmedabad Lok Shakti Express
22	22945/22946 Mumbai Central – Okha Saurashtra Mail
23	22954 Ahmedabad - Mumbai Central Gujarat Express

24	22955/22956 Bandra (T) – Bhuj Kutch Express
25	59023/59024 Mumbai Central – Valsad Passenger
26	59039/59040 Virar – Valsad Passenger/Vapi – Mumbai Central Passenger
27	59045/59046 Mumbai Central – Vapi/Valsad – Virar Passenger
28	61001/61002 Boisar – Vasai Road -Dombivali MEMU
29	69139/69140 Borivali – Valsad/Surat – Virar MEMU
30	69141/69142 Virar – Surat MEMU
31	69161/69164 Panvel – Dahanu Road MEMU
32	69173 Virar – Dahanu Road MEMU
33	69174 Dahanu Road - Borivali MEMU
34	93001 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
35	93002 Dahanu Road – Churchgate Suburban
36	93003 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
37	93004 Dahanu Road –Churchgate Suburban
38	93005 Churchgate – Dahanu Road Suburban
39	93006 Dahanu Road – Virar Suburban
40	93007/93008 Churchgate – Dahanu Road Suburban
41	93009 Churchgate – Dahanu Road Suburban
42	93010 Dahanu Road – Borivali Suburban
43	93011 Churchgate – Dahanu Road Suburban
44	93012 Dahanu Road – Virar Suburban
45	93013/93014 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
46	93015 Churchgate – Dahanu Road Suburban
47	93016 Dahanu Road – Virar Suburban
48	93017 Borivali – Dahanu Road Suburban

49	93018 Dahanu Road – Virar Suburban
50	93019 Churchgate – Dahanu Road Suburban
51	93020 Dahanu Road – Virar Suburban
52	93021 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
53	93022 Dahanu Road – Churchgate Suburban
54	93023/93024 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
55	93025 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
56	93026 Dahanu Road – Churchgate Suburban
57	93027 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
58	93028 Dahanu Road – Dadar Suburban
59	93029/93030 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
60	93031 Churchgate – Dahanu Road Suburban
61	93032 Dahanu Road – Virar Suburban
62	93033 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
63	93034 Dahanu Road – Churchgate Suburban
64	93035 Dadar – Dahanu Road Suburban
65	93036 Dahanu Road – Churchgate Suburban
66	93037 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
67	93038 Dahanu Road – Churchgate Suburban
68	93039/93040 Virar – Dahanu Road Suburban
69	93041 Churchgate – Dahanu Road Suburban
70	93042 Dahanu Road – Virar Suburban