

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2053
TO BE ANSWERED ON 11.02.2026**

VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER TRAIN FROM HOWRAH TO GUWAHATI

2053. SHRI ANAND BHADAURIA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has flagged off first Vande Bharat sleeper train between Howrah and Guwahati recently and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) the details of Vande Bharat sleeper trains proposed to be operated during 2026; and**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to run Vande Bharat sleeper train and other premium trains from New Delhi via Shahjahanpur-Sitapur-Lucknow during the current year in view of least rail connectivity to Sitapur from New Delhi and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (c) 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 trains have been introduced on Indian Railways.

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.

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.**

First Vande Bharat Sleeper service viz. 27575/27576 Howrah- Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express has commenced regular operation w.e.f. 22.01.2026.

Further, Delhi - Shahajahanpur sector, Shahajahanpur – Lucknow sector, Delhi

– Sitapur sector and Sitapur – Lucknow sector are served by 18 pairs, 44 pairs, 05 pairs and 07 pairs of train services respectively as tabled below:

Train services over Delhi - Shahajahanpur sector

SN	Train number and name
1	13065/13066 Anand Vihar (T) - Howrah Amrit Bharat Express
2	15909/15910 Lalgarh - Dibrugarh Express
3	15127/15128 New Delhi - Varanasi Express
4	12391/12392 New Delhi - Rajgir Express
5	15115/15116 Delhi - Chhapra Express
6	14017/14018 Anand Vihar (T) - Raxaul Express
7	14015/14016 Anand Vihar (T) - Raxaul Express
8	14007/14008 Anand Vihar (T) - Raxaul Express
9	14013/14014 Sultanpur - Anand Vihar (T) Express
10	15279/15280 Anand Vihar (T) - Saharsa Express
11	15273/15274 Anand Vihar (T) - Raxaul Express
12	14205/14206 Delhi - Ayodhya Cantt. Express
13	14207/14208 Delhi - Pratapgarh Express
14	12211/12212 Anand Vihar (T) - Muzaffarpur Garibrath Express
15	12229/12230 New Delhi - Lucknow Mail
16	12429/12430 New Delhi - Lucknow Express
17	19269/19270 Porbandar - Muzaffarpur Express
18	15715/15716 Ajmer-Kishanganj Garib Nawaz Express

Train services over Shahjahanpur - Lucknow sector

SN	Train number and name
1	13019/13020 Howrah - Kathgodam Express
2	14649/14650 Jaynagar - Amritsar Express
3	14673/14674 Jaynagar - Amritsar Express
4	15001/15002 Muzaffarpur - Dehradun Express
5	15005/15006 Gorakhpur - Dehradun Express
6	15279/15280 Saharsa - Anand Vihar (T) Express
7	19269/19270 Muzaffarpur - Porbandar Express
8	12211/12212 Anand Vihar (T) - Muzaffarpur Garibrath Express
9	15715/15716 Kishanganj - Ajmer Express
10	14229/14230 Prayagraj Sangam - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
11	15909/15910 Dibrugarh - Lalgarh Avadh Assam Express
12	15933/15934 New Tinsukia - Amritsar Express
13	14307/14308 Prayagraj Sangam - Bareilly Express
14	14235/14236 Varanasi - Bareilly Express
15	12209/12210 Kathgodam - Kanpur Central Garibrath Express
16	15075/15076 Tanakpur - Shaktinagar Express
17	15073/15074 Singrauli - Tanakpur Express
18	13151/13152 Kolkata Chitpur - Jammu Tawi Express
19	22453/22454 Lucknow Jn. - Meerut Express
20	13307/13308 Firozpur Cantt - Dhanbad Express
21	26503/26504 Gomti Nagar - Saharanpur Vande Bharat Express
22	13005/13006 Howrah - Amritsar Express
23	15119/15120 Banaras - Dehradun Express
24	13065/13066 Howrah - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express

25	12237/12238 Varanasi - Jammu Tawi Express
26	14017/14018 Raxaul - Anand Vihar (T) Sadbhavana Express
27	14007/14008 Raxaul - Anand Vihar (T) Express
28	14013/14014 Sultanpur - Anand Vihar (T) Express
29	14015/14016 Raxaul - Anand Vihar (T) Express
30	54337/54338 Lucknow - Shahjahanpur Passenger
31	12587/12588 Gorakhpur - Jammu Tawi Express
32	15097/15098 Bhagalpur - Jammu Tawi Express
33	15653/15654 Guwahati - Jammu Tawi Express
34	14205/14206 Ayodhya Cantt - Delhi Express
35	12391/12392 Rajgir - New Delhi Express
36	15127/15128 Banaras - New Delhi Express
37	13009/13010 Howrah - Yog Nagari Rishikesh Express
38	14207/14208 Partapgarh - Delhi Express
39	12229/12230 Lucknow - New Delhi Express
40	14241/14242 Prayagraj -Saharanpur Nauchandi Express
41	12231/12232 Lucknow - Chandigarh Express
42	15115/15116 Chhapra - Delhi Loknayak Express
43	12429/12430 Lucknow - New Delhi Express
44	15011/15012 Lucknow Jn. - Chandigarh Express

Train services over Delhi - Sitapur sector

SN	Train number and name
1	15273/15274 Anand Vihar (T) - Raxaul Satyagrah Express
2	15621/15622 Anand Vihar (T) - Kamakhya Express
3	15529/15530 Anand Vihar (T) - Saharsa Express

4	14009/14010 Anand Vihar (T) - Bapudham Motihari Champaran Satyagrah Express
5	14011/14012 Anand Vihar (T) - Radhikapur Express

Train services over Sitapur - Lucknow sector

SN	Train number and name
1	15009/15010 Gorakhpur - Izzatnagar Express
2	55085/55086 Gomti Nagar - Pilibhit Passenger
3	26503/26504 Gomti Nagar - Saharanpur Vande Bharat Express
4	12107/12108 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Sitapur Express
5	55083/55084 Daliganj-Mailani Passenger
6	55087/55088 Daliganj-Mailani Passenger
7	55089/55090 Daliganj-Sitapur Passenger

Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat sleeper services, 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.**
- **Occupancy and the traffic requirement of the section.**
