

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 4265
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2026**

INTRODUCTION OF VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER TRAIN IN BIHAR

4265. SHRI JANARDAN SINGH SIGRIWAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has proposed/approved introduction of Vande Bharat Sleeper Train services connecting various stations in Bihar, if so, the details thereof including the routes identified, originating and terminating stations and the likely timeline for its commencement;**
- (b) whether any railway stations in Bihar have been identified as stoppages/terminals for the said train and if so, the details thereof, station-wise;**
- (c) whether rake manufacturing, trials and safety clearances for the said Train intended to serve Bihar routes have been completed, if so, the details thereof including trial status and expected timeline for commercial operations; and**
- (d) whether the Government has assessed the likely impact of introducing Vande Bharat Sleeper services on long-distance connectivity and passenger demand from Bihar and if so, the details thereof including expected reduction in travel time specially from different metro cities?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) 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 (IR). The First Vande Bharat Sleeper service viz. 27575/27576 Howrah- Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express has commenced regular operation w.e.f. 22.01.2026.

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.**

As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are operated as per network requirement, across such boundaries. However, during the period April 2023- February, 2026, IR, on originating /terminating basis, have introduced 136 train services including 22 Vande Bharat services, 24 Amrit Bharat services, and 02 Namo Bharat Rapid Rail services which *inter alia* cater to the needs of passengers of stations located in the State of Bihar.

Vande Bharat [Chair Car]:

SN	Train Name and Number
1	20893/20894 Tatanagar-Patna Vande Bharat Express
2	21893/21894 Tatanagar-Patna Vande Bharat Express
3	21895/21896 Tatanagar-Patna Vande Bharat Express
4	22233/22234 New Jalpaiguri-Patna Vande Bharat Express
5	22303/22304 Howrah-Gaya Vande Bharat Express
6	22309/22310 Howrah-Bhagalpur Vande Bharat Express
7	22345/22346 Patna-Gomti Nagar Vande Bharat Express
8	22347/22348 Howrah-Patna Vande Bharat Express
9	22349/22350 Patna-Ranchi Vande Bharat Express
10	26301/26302 Jogbani-Danapur Vande Bharat Express
11	26501/26502 Gorakhpur-Patliputra Vande Bharat Express

Amrit Bharat:

SN	Train Name and Number
1	11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak(T)-Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express

2	13697/13698 Gaya-Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
3	14048/14047 Delhi-Sitamarhi Amrit Bharat Express
4	14628/14627 Chheharta-Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express
5	15133/15134 Chhapra-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
6	15293/15294 Muzaffarpur-Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
7	15557/15558 Darbhanga -Anand Vihar(T) Amrit Bharat Express
8	15561/15562 Darbhanga-Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
9	15567/15568 Bapudham Motihari-Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
10	16601/16602 Erode-Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express
11	19623/19624 Madar-Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express
12	22361/22362 Rajendra Nagar-New Delhi Amrit Bharat Express

Namo Bharat Rapid Rail:

SN	Train Name and Number
1	94803/94804 Jaynagar-Patna Namu Bharat Rapid Rail Express

Mail/Express and Passengers:

SN	Train Name and Number
1	13212/13211 Danapur-Jogbani Express
2	13213/13214 Jogbani-Saharsa Express
3	13251/13252 Patna-Anand Vihar(T) Express
4	13334/13333 Patna-Dumka Express
5	15135/15136 Chhapra-Amritsar Express
6	15501/15502 Raxaul-Jogbani Express
7	15505/15506 Saharsa-Patliputra Express
8	15507/15508 Darbhanga-Patliputra Express
9	15555/15556 Bapudham Motihari-Patliputra MEMU
10	15589/15590 Muzaffarpur-Hadapsar Express

11	15701/15702 Katihar-Siliguri Express
12	15723/15724 Jogbani-Siliguri Express
13	18119/18120 Tatanagar-Jaynagar Express
14	19801/19802 Sogaria Cabin-Danapur Express
15	22357/22358 Gaya-Lokmanya Tilak(T) Express
16	53201/53202 Patna-Buxar Passenger
17	53203/53204 Jhajha-Danapur Passenger
18	53237/53238 Gaya-Patna Passenger
19	53239/53240 Gaya-Patna Passenger
20	53241/53242 Gawnaha-Narkatiaganj Passenger
21	55121/55122 Siwan-Samastipur Passenger
22	55501/55502 Jhanjharpur-Laukaha bazar Passenger
23	55503/55504 Jhanjharpur-Laukaha bazar Passenger
24	55583/55584 Raxaul-Narkatiaganj Passenger
25	63273/63274 Rajgir-Patna MEMU
26	63275/63276 Kiul-Patna MEMU
27	63329/63330 Gaya-Patliputra MEMU
28	63331/63332 Kiul-Mokama MEMU
29	63333/63334 Patliputra-Ballia MEMU
30	63357/63358 Fatuha-Hilsa MEMU
31	63359/63360 Saharsa-Dauram Madhepura MEMU
32	63361/63362 Narkatiaganj-Gauhana MEMU
33	63375/63376 Saharsa-Supaul MEMU
34	63383/63384 Vaishali-Koderma MEMU
35	63389/63390 Nawada-Patna DEMU
36	63391/63392 Islampur-Patna DEMU
37	63411/63412 Sahibganj-Bhagalpur MEMU

38	75213/75214 Raxaul -Mehsi MEMU
39	75215/75216 Raxaul-Jaynagar Passenger
40	75221/75222 Sonpur-Vaishali DEMU
41	75223/75224 Bihariganj-Purnea Court DEMU
42	75225/75226 Saharsa-Purnea Court DEMU
43	75249/75250 Saharsa-Amha Pipra DEMU
44	75251/75252 Saharsa-Samastipur DEMU

Besides, introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat Sleeper 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.**
