

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6025
TO BE ANSWERED ON 01.04.2026**

VANDE BHARAT SLEEPER RAKES IN TELANGANA

6025. SMT. D K ARUNA:

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
whether the Government proposes manufacturing and network expansion for Vande Bharat sleeper rakes in Telangana and if so, the details of manufacturing and Network expansion plan and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

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Indian Railways has taken up the work of setting up a Railway Manufacturing Unit at Kazipet, Telangana at a cost of Rs. 521.36 Crores where manufacture of modern Mainline Electric Multiple Units (MEMU) is planned. The work of Rail Manufacturing Unit at Kazipet is at an advanced stage with civil and electrical infrastructure nearing completion.

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.

Besides, 162 Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car) presently are being operated on the Indian Railways network. The state of Telangana is presently served by the following 05 pairs of Vande Bharat Chair Car services:

S No.	Train no. and name
1	20101/20102 Nagpur-Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
2	20701/20702 Secunderabad-Tirupati Vande Bharat Express
3	20703/20704 Kacheguda-Yeswantpur Vande Bharat Express
4	20707/20708 Secunderabad -Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
5	20833/20834 Visakhapatnam-Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express

Further, introduction of new train services including Vande Bharat Sleeper Express is an on-going process, which depends on various factors including-

- 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.**
