

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 799  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

**VANDE BHARAT TRAINS OPERATIONAL IN THE COUNTRY**

**799. SHRI DEEPENDER SINGH HOODA:**

**DR. RAJ KUMAR CHABBEWAL:**

**DR. M K VISHNU PRASAD:**

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

- (a) the details of operational routes of Vande Bharat Express Trains in the country;**
- (b) whether Government is planning to expand the network of Vande Bharat Express Trains within the country particularly in Punjab, Tamil Nadu including the trains originating/terminating in Haryana, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) if so, the details and the timeline by when it is likely to be operated;**
- (d) whether the Government is taking any measures to further improve the facilities in these Vande Bharat trains in the country and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (e) the details of the average occupancy rate and passenger load factor of these trains since their introduction, route-wise;**
- (f) whether the Government has conducted any assessment of their operational efficiency and profitability in comparison to other express or semi-high-speed trains, if so, the details thereof;**
- (g) whether the Government proposes to phase out or replace existing mail, express, or Shatabdi trains with Vande Bharat services, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (h) the criteria for such replacement, including passenger demand and financial viability?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (h) Indian Railways, with a view to improve travel experience of the passengers, have introduced indigenously designed and manufactured Vande Bharat trains with modern coaches, advanced safety features and passenger amenities. These new Vande Bharat Trains have following features:**

- (a) Fitted with KAVACH.**
- (b) Jerk Free Semi-Permanent couplers.**
- (c) Centrally controlled Automatic Plug Doors and Fully Sealed wider gangways.**
- (d) Emergency Alarm Push buttons and Talk Back Units on all Coaches.**
- (e) Improved fire safety – Aerosol based fire detection and suppression system in electrical cabinets and lavatories.**
- (f) Higher acceleration with design/operating speed of 180/160 KMPH.**
- (g) Driver-Guard communication with voice recording facility & Crash hardened memory.**
- (h) Air conditioning units with indigenously developed UV-C lamp based disinfection system.**
- (i) Better Ride Comfort.**
- (j) CCTVs in all Coaches.**
- (k) For Divyangjan passengers special lavatory in the driving coaches on each end.**
- (l) Coach condition monitoring System (CCMS) display with remote monitoring.**
- (m) However, as the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced across such boundaries as per network requirement.**

**As on 30.01.2026, the following 02 Vande Bharat Sleeper Express and 164 Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car) are being operated on the Indian Railways network:**

**Vande Bharat Sleeper Train service:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Train No. and Name</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>27575/27576 Howrah - Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express</b>

**Vande Bharat (Chair Car) Train service:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Train No. and Name</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>22435/22436 New Delhi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>22439/22440 Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>20901/20902 Gandhinagar Capital - Mumbai Central Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>22447/22448 Amb Andura - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>20607/20608 Mysuru - MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>20825/20826 Nagpur - Bilaspur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>22301/22302 New Jalpaiguri - Howrah Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>20833/20834 Secunderabad - Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>22223/22224 Sainagar Shirdi - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>22225/22226 Solapur - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>20171/20172 Nizamuddin - Rani Kamalapati Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>20701/20702 Tirupati - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>20643/20644 Coimbatore - Chennai Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>20977/20978 Chandigarh - Ajmer Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>20633/20634 Thiruvananthapuram - Kasargod Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>22895/22896 Puri - Howrah Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>22457/22458 Dehradun - Anand Vihar Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>22227/22228 Guwahati - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>20911/20912 Nagpur - Indore Vande Bharat Express</b>

<b>20</b>	<b>22229/22230 Madgaon - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22349/22350 Ranchi - Patna Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>20661/20662 Dharwar - Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>20173/20174 Rewa - Rani Kamlapati Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>22549/22550 Gorakhpur - Prayagraj Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>12461/12462 Sabarmati - Jodhpur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>22925/22926 Okha - Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>20665/20666 Tirunelveli - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>20677/20678 Narsapur - Chennai Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>20703/20704 Yesvantpur - Kacheguda Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>30</b>	<b>20631/20632 Thiruvananthapuram- Mangaluru Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>31</b>	<b>20979/20980 Jaipur - Udaipur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>32</b>	<b>22347/22348 Patna - Howrah Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>33</b>	<b>20835/20836 Puri - Rourkela Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>34</b>	<b>20897/20898 Ranchi - Howrah Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>35</b>	<b>22415/22416 New Delhi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>36</b>	<b>20641/20642 Coimbatore - Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>37</b>	<b>20645/20646 Mangaluru - Madgaon Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>38</b>	<b>20705/20706 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Nanded Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>39</b>	<b>22477/22478 Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express</b>

<b>40</b>	<b>22425/22426 Anand Vihar - Ayodhya Cantt. Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>41</b>	<b>22487/22488 Amritsar - Delhi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>42</b>	<b>22962/22961 Mumbai Central - Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>43</b>	<b>20707/20708 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>44</b>	<b>20663/20664 Chennai - Mysuru Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>45</b>	<b>22233/22234 Patna - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>22470/22469 Khajuraho - Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>47</b>	<b>22231/22232 Bengaluru - Kalburagi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>48</b>	<b>20841/20842 Visakhapatnam - Bhubaneswar Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>49</b>	<b>22345/22346 Gomti Nagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>50</b>	<b>20887/20888 Varanasi - Ranchi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>51</b>	<b>22545/22546 Dehradun - Lucknow Jn Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>52</b>	<b>22490/22489 Varanasi - Meerut City Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>53</b>	<b>20981/20982 Agra cantt. - Udaipur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>54</b>	<b>20627/20628 Nagercoil - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>55</b>	<b>20671/20672 Bengaluru Cantt - Madurai Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>56</b>	<b>22500/22499 Deoghar - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>57</b>	<b>22309/22310 Jamalpur - Howrah Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>58</b>	<b>20871/20872 Rourkela - Howrah Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>59</b>	<b>20893/20894 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>60</b>	<b>20892/20891 Tatanagar - Brahmapur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>61</b>	<b>22303/22304 Gaya - Howrah Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>62</b>	<b>20669/20670 Pune - Hubballi Vande Bharat Express</b>

<b>63</b>	<b>20673/20674 Pune - Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>64</b>	<b>20101/20102 Secunderabad - Nagpur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>65</b>	<b>20829/20830 Visakhapatnam - Durg Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>66</b>	<b>21893/21894 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>67</b>	<b>21895/21896 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>68</b>	<b>20176/20175 Banaras - Agra Cantt. Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>69</b>	<b>26901/26902 Veraval - Sabarmati Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>70</b>	<b>26401/26402 Srinagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>71</b>	<b>26403/26404 Srinagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>72</b>	<b>26502/26501 Patliputra - Gorakhpur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>73</b>	<b>26751/26752 KSR Bengaluru - Belagavi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>74</b>	<b>26406/26405 Amritsar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>75</b>	<b>26101/26102 Pune - Ajni Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>76</b>	<b>26302/26301 Jogbani - Danapur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>77</b>	<b>26481/26482 Delhi Cantt - Jodhpur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>78</b>	<b>26471/26472 Delhi Cantt - Bikaner Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>79</b>	<b>26462/26461 Delhi - Firozpur Cantt. Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>80</b>	<b>26651/26652 Ernakulam - KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>81</b>	<b>26506/26505 Khajuraho - Banaras Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>82</b>	<b>26504/26503 Saharanpur - Gomtinagar Vande Bharat Express</b>

**Further, of these 164 Vande Bharat Chair Car services, 08 services (on originating/terminating basis) are catering to the stations located in the**

**State of Punjab, 02 services are catering to the stations located in the State of Haryana, while 16 services are catering to the stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu, as under:**

**Vande Bharat services catering the stations located in Punjab**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Train No. and Name</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>20977/20978 Chandigarh. - Ajmer Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>22487/22488 Amritsar - Delhi Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>26406/26405 Amritsar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>26462/26461 Delhi - Firozpur Cantt Vande Bharat Express</b>

**Vande Bharat services catering the stations located in Haryana**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Train No. and Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>20977/20978 Chandigarh - Ajmer Vande Bharat Express</b>

**Vande Bharat services catering the stations located in Tamil Nadu:**

<b>SN</b>	<b>Train No. and Name</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>20671/20672 Madurai - Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>20627/20628 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>20663/20664 Mysuru - MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>20642/20641 Coimbatore - Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>20677/20678 MGR Chennai Central - Narasapur Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>20643/20644 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>20607/20608 MGR Chennai Central - Mysuru Vande Bharat Express</b>

**Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat sleeper services, replacement/discontinuation of existing 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.**

**The overall occupancy of Vande Bharat Express trains during 2024-2025 was about 100%.**

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