GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 929
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.07.2023

NEW ROUTES FOR VANDE BHARAT

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:
(a) whether the Ministry has laid out new routes for Vande Bharat particularly in UP, MP and Maharashtra, if so, the details thereof;

(b) whether the total number of Vande Bharat Trains will be increased expansively to cover major metropolitan connectivity, if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Ministry envisions reconstruction of major railway stations in India to equip the platforms with better and modern facility with the upcoming of the Vande Bharat express and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether the Ministry plans to increase the number of Vande Bharat Trains with sleeper coaches, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

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(a) to (d) Indian Railways do not operate train services, including Vande Bharat services, on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. Of the presently operational 50 Vande Bharat services, 8 trains, 6 trains and 10 trains serve various stations located in the States of

Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra respectively. Besides, introduction of new trains, including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways which is dependent on operational feasibility, traffic justification etc. Recently, the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme has been launched for development of Railway stations on Indian Railways. Under this scheme, platforms are also to be equipped as per requirements with better and modern facilities such as provision of High Level platform, extension of platform, improvement to platform surface and cover over platforms etc.

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