

**Re: Running of a new train between Kalaburagi and Bengaluru and extension of services of Vande Bharat Express upto Kalaburagi**

**DR. UMESH G. JADAV (GULBARGA):** India's 9<sup>th</sup> Vande Bharat Express between Mumbai CSTM to Solapur (22225/22226) has started on 10.02.23 and is running across Maharashtra. I would like to bring to your kind notice that Kalaburagi is the Zonal Headquarter of six Districts of Kalyan Karnataka Region. If this train is extended up to Kalaburagi, then it would be a great boost to the economy of this region. As more than ten thousand people travel to Mumbai every day, considering the time taken to reach Mumbai, it will be great help for the Business community. There is no dedicated train between Kalaburagi to Bangalore which is 4<sup>th</sup> largest city in Karnataka. There is huge passenger movement from Kalaburagi to Bengaluru and all existing trains are always full making it hard for general public to get confirmed berths. Further, due to the opening of 3<sup>rd</sup> coaching terminal at Baiyappanahalli in Bengaluru and doubling and electrification between Guntakal-Bengaluru which is almost complete, it is time now to introduce a new Kalaburagi-Bengaluru overnight train. Kalaburagi is having the pit line, so both trains can be easily maintained at Kalaburagi Station.