

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 920
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2024**

VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

920. SHRI SELVAM G.:

SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM:

SHRI MANOJ KOTAK:

SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE:

SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL:

DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE:

SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA:

DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S.:

SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI:

DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has any statistics regarding the number of Vande Bharat Trains run by the Railways so far, if so, the number of routes on which Vande Bharat Trains are plying and the average income generated, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government intends to launch 400 Vande Bharat trains and also introduce new stop to these trains across the country, if so, the details thereof, State-wise including Maharashtra, Odisha and Tamil Nadu;

(c) whether the existing railway tracks are suitable for Vande Bharat Trains to use its maximum speed;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, whether the Government is likely to consider taking steps to use maximum speed of Vande Bharat Trains;

(e) whether Vande Bharat trains are not getting enough passengers due to high fares and if so, the corrective measures being taken by the Government in this regard; and

(f) the other changes proposed in the said trains for the convenience of the passengers?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 920 BY SHRI SELVAM G., SHRI VE. VAITHILINGAM, SHRI MANOJ KOTAK, SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE, SHRIMATI MANJULATA MANDAL, DR. SUBHASH RAMRAO BHAMRE, SHRI KULDEEP RAI SHARMA, DR. DNV SENTHILKUMAR S., SHRI C.N. ANNADURAI AND DR. AMOL RAMSING KOLHE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2024 REGARDING VANDE BHARAT TRAIN

(a) to (f) As on 31st January, 2024, 82 Vande Bharat train services are operating across the Indian Railways, connecting states having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. Besides, provision of stoppage of train services and introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat, are ongoing processes on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc. Train-wise and state-wise revenue generated is not maintained.

Sectional speed over 10981 route kilometers covering Golden Quadrilateral (GQ) & Diagonal routes and other 'B' routes has been raised to 130 kmph. Further, works for raising of sectional speed to 160 kmph on existing New Delhi-Mumbai (including Vadodara-Ahmedabad) and New Delhi-Howrah (including Kanpur-Lucknow) routes have been taken up. During the Financial year 2022-23, overall occupancy of Vande Bharat trains is 96.62%.

The improved version of Vande Bharat trains presently running over the Indian Railway network with enhanced safety features, faster acceleration, better ride index and passenger amenities, such as Automatic Plug Doors, Reclining Ergonomic Seats, Comfortable Seating with revolving seats in executive class, Mobile charging sockets for every seat, etc. and is fitted with KAVACH system.
