

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 121
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

BULLET AND VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

***121. SHRI DHAVAL LAXMANBHAI PATEL:
SHRI MANOJ TIWARI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the current status of the manufacturing of Bullet Trains;**
- (b) the time by which the Government intends to run Bullet Trains in India along with the details of its coverage network;**
- (c) the details regarding the number of operational and under manufacturing Vande Bharat Trains, route and State-wise;**
- (d) whether the Government is planning to start new Vande Bharat Train from Pali/Jodhpur to Jaipur; and**
- (e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 121 BY SHRI DHAVAL LAXMANBHAI PATEL AND SHRI MANOJ TIWARI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING BULLET AND VANDE BHARAT TRAINS.

(a) and (b): Presently construction is going on the Mumbai - Ahmedabad High Speed Rail (MAHSR) Project. The MAHSR Project is passing through the States of Gujarat, Maharashtra and Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli.

The length of the project is 508 Km with 12 stations planned at Mumbai, Thane, Virar, Boisar, Vapi, Billimora, Surat, Bharuch, Vadodara, Anand, Ahmedabad and Sabarmati.

Entire land (1389.5 Ha) has been acquired for the project. Till now, 350 km of Pier Foundation, 316 km of Pier Construction, 221 km of Girder Casting and 190 km of Girder Launching have been completed. The work of the undersea tunnel (approx. 21 Km) has also started.

Bullet train project is a very complex and technology intensive Project. Considering the highest level of safety and associated maintenance protocols, Bullet train project has been designed with the support of Japanese railway. It is customised for Indian requirements and climatic conditions. Timelines for the completion of the project can be reasonably ascertained after the completion of all associated works of Civil Structures, Track, Electrical, Signalling & Telecommunication and supply of Trainsets.

The execution of MAHSR Project is monitored/reviewed regularly.

(c) to (e): As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, train services are introduced, as per network requirement, across such boundaries. At present 102 Vande Bharat train services are operational on

the Indian Railways network. These are operational on the following sectors : Varanasi - New Delhi, New Delhi - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Mumbai Central - Gandhinagar Capital, New Delhi - Amb Andaura, MGR Chennai Central - Mysuru , Bilaspur - Nagpur, Howrah - New Jalpaiguri, Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus - Sainagar Shirdi, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus - Solapur, Rani Kamalapati - Hazrat Nizamuddin , MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore , Secunderabad - Tirupati , Ajmer - Chandigarh, Manglore Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central, Howrah - Puri, Anand Vihar (T) - Dehradun, New Jalpaiguri - Guwahati, Rani Kamalapati - Rewa, KSR Bengaluru - Dharwad, Indore - Nagpur, Patna - Ranchi, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Madgaon, Jodhpur - Sabarmati, Gorakhpur - Prayagraj, Kasargod - Thiruvananthapuram Central, Ahmedabad - Okha, Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli, MGR Chennai Central - Vijayawada, Kacheguda - Yesvantpur, Udaipur City - Jaipur, Howrah - Patna, Rourkela - Puri, Howrah - Ranchi, Banglore Cantt - Coimbatore, Mangalore - Madgaon, Jalna - CSMT Mumbai, Banaras - New Delhi, Anand Vihar (T) - Ayodhya Cantt., Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi, Amritsar - Delhi, Mysore - Chennai Central, Secunderabad - Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar - Visakhapatnam, Ranchi - Banaras, Kalaburagi - SMV Bengaluru, New Jalpaiguri - Patna, Patna - Gomtinagar, Khajuraho - Hazrat Nizamuddin, Lucknow Jn - Dehradun, Mumbai Central - Ahmedabad. Presently, 12461/12462 Jodhpur - Sabarmati Vande Bharat Express is catering to the passengers of both Pali Marwar and Jodhpur stations. Besides, Jodhpur is connected to Jaipur by 19 pairs of trains while 1 pair of trains connect Pali Marwar to Jaipur. Besides, introduction of new train services including Vande Bharat services, is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource constraints, etc.