

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1594
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

VANDE BHARAT TRAIN BETWEEN KOLLAM MADIRAI SENGOTTAI

1594 SHRI KODIKUNNIL SURESH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is proposing to introduce a Vande Bharat Train service on Kollam - Madurai -Sengottai route beneficial to the commuters of the said sectors;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any study is being conducted by the Government to commission the same; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(a) to (d) As on 24th July, 2024, 102 Vande Bharat train services are operating on the Indian Railways network, which include 4 Vande Bharat services catering to the passengers of Kollam and 2 Vande Bharat services catering to the passengers of Madurai. Further, Kollam-Sengottai-Madurai sector is being served by 2 pairs of trains. Besides, introduction of train services, including Vande Bharat services, is an on-going process subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
