

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

1581. SHRI DHANANJAY BHIMRAO MAHADIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is fact that Government had announced 400 new generation Vande Bharat Trains with better energy efficiency and passenger riding experience to be manufactured in the next three years;
- (b) if so, the details thereof specially in Maharashtra; and
- (c) how many such trains are going to be started this year?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) to (c): More than 100 Vande Bharat Chair Car rakes are planned to be manufactured at Production Units of Indian Railways (IR).

In addition to this, nearly 400 rakes of Energy Efficient Vande Bharat trains (Sleeper Version) are planned to be manufactured at IR Production Units with selected Technology Partner. Under Phase-I, nearly 120 such rakes are envisaged to be manufactured at Marathwada Rail Coach Factory (MRCF) / Latur.

IR does not run train services, including Vande Bharat services, on State-wise basis as Railway network straddles across State boundaries. Presently, 2 pairs of Vande Bharat Express, namely 22435/46 New Delhi-Varanasi Vande Bharat Express and 22439/40 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express, are in operation, which are being operated utilizing the available rakes. Operation of more Vande Bharat trains over IR network is subject to operational feasibility, commercial justification and availability of rolling stock.
