

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1251**  
**ANSWERED ON 16.12.2022**

**VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS FOR KARNATAKA**

1251 SHRI LAHAR SINGH SIROYA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Minister of State for Railways during a visit to the State of Karnataka assured three routes of the Vande Bharat Express in Karnataka; and
- (b) the details of the Vande Bharat Train services that will be made operational in Karnataka?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) and (b) Indian Railways do not run train services, including Vande Bharat services, on State-wise basis as railway network straddles across various State boundaries. However, with the operation of 20607/20608 Chennai Central- Mysuru Vande Bharat Express w.e.f. 12<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, Vande Bharat Express have started serving Bengaluru and Mysuru located in the State of Karnataka. Besides, introduction of new trains, including Vande Bharat Express which is dependent on operational feasibility, resource availability, traffic pattern, competing demand etc, is an ongoing process.

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