

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2057**  
**ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022**

**INTRODUCTION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS IN KERALA**

2057 SMT. P. T. USHA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways is considering introducing to Vande Bharat Trains in various railway divisions of Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether Railways have further decided to conduct a feasibility study for any railway station in Kerala for upgradation of engineering and station infrastructure for High Speed passenger train; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
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- (a) and (b) The Vande Bharat trains presently running over the Indian Railways' (IR) network are Semi-High speed train services, which are being operated using the modern Train Sets. Presently, 06 pairs of Vande Bharat Express trains are in operation. Besides, introduction of additional/new Vande Bharat services is an on-going process which is dependent on factors like operational feasibility and availability of rolling stock, etc.
- (c) and (d) No feasibility study has been undertaken for operation of high speed trains in Kerala.

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