

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 790**  
**ANSWERED ON 08.12.2023**

**PROPOSAL TO INTRODUCE VANDE BHARAT TRAIN WITH SPEED OF 160 KM/H**

790. DR. K. LAXMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is any proposal to introduce Vande Bharat trains with a speed of 160 kmh all over the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether it is a fact that Shatabdi trains are running vacant/with less passengers due to high fare; and
- (d) if so, the measures taken by Government?

ANSWER  
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) With a view to provide better travel experience and faster service to the passengers, Indian Railways have introduced Vande Bharat trains. As on 4<sup>th</sup> December, 2023, 68 chair-car variants of Vande Bharat train services are running across Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways(IR). The occupancy pattern of trains on IR is not uniform throughout the year which varies over lean and peak periods.

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