

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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PASSENGERS TRAVELING IN VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS

923 SMT. SUMITRA BALMIK:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of average number of passengers travelling through the semi high speed trains like Vande Bharat express as compared to the average of other premium trains such as Rajdhani express, zone-wise;
- (b) the details of proposed new routes for semi high speed trains like Vande Bharat express across the country, State-wise; and
- (c) whether the total number of Vande Bharat Trains will be increased expansively to cover major metropolitan connectivity including the State of Madhya Pradesh, if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

- (a) During the financial year 2022-23, approximately 31.84 lakh & 141.72 lakh passengers were booked to travel on Vande Bharat and Rajdhani trains respectively. The overall occupancy of Vande Bharat and Rajdhani trains during this period has been 96.62% & 104.12% respectively.
- (b) & (c) As the Railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains services including Vande Bharat are not introduced state-wise but as per the Indian Railway network requirement. As on 31st January, 2024, 82 Vande Bharat train services are running across the Indian Railways, connecting states having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. Besides, introduction of new Vande Bharat services is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
