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MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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PROPOSALS FOR NEW TRAINS FROM DARBHANGA

563 # SMT. DHARMSHILA GUPTA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that no new superfast train for long distances has been introduced for the last several years from Darbhanga, the railway station that provides maximum revenue for Samastipur Division;
- (b) the number of proposals for new train operations from Darbhanga railway station pending with the Railway Board;
- (c) whether the Ministry has any proposal to introduce Vande Bharat trains from Darbhanga to New Delhi and Darbhanga to Patna; and
- (d) if so, the details regarding the operation of the said Vande Bharat trains?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) Amrit Bharat train no. 15557/15558 has been introduced from Darbhanga to Anand Vihar (T) on 01-01-2024. Amrit Bharat services, which have modern State-of the Art technology have been introduced by Indian Railways. These are equipped with advanced features like Semi-Permanent couplers for jerk free travel, horizontal sliding windows, foldable snack table and bottle holders, mobile holders etc.

The Amrit Bharat services are fully non-Air-Conditioned services, comprising 12 Non-AC Sleeper Coaches and 08 non-AC General Class Coaches, along with two Coaches with facilities for Divyangjan Passengers and are being operated on Push-Pull mode.

Besides, Darbhanga is presently being served by 52 pairs of train services which include 04 pairs of Mail/Express connecting it to Delhi and 08 pairs of Mail/Express services connecting it to Patna. Further, introduction of trains including Vande Bharat trains is an ongoing process over Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc