

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 583
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SPEED OF VANDE BHARAT, SHATABDI AND JAN SHATABDI TRAINS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) average and maximum speed of Vande Bharat, Shatabdi and Jan Shatabdi trains;
- (b) cost of manufacturing a Vande Bharat and Shatabdi train having 10-12 coaches;
- (c) average per kilometer fare of Vande Bharat and Shatabdi;
- (d) the number of trains running on time which were stopped to give way to Vande Bharat trains during last one year;
- (e) total number of Shatabdi and Jan Shatabdi trains as in year 2019 and 2023;
- (f) whether there is any plan to increase number of Jan Shatabdi and similar ordinary fast trains; and
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g) On Indian Railways (IR), passenger train services, including Vande Bharat services, are operated as per charted time-table and General Order of Precedence of Trains. Accordingly, the average speed varies from section to section.

Indian Railways (IR), operates various types of regular time-tabled trains e.g. suburban, short distance passenger trains, long distance /Mail / Express/ Superfast trains with different composition catering to different segments of passengers. The services, including Shatabdi and Jan Shatabdi, are run based on traffic demand, operational feasibility and availability of resources. The introduction of trains is an ongoing process.

Further, Indian Railways have introduced Amrit Bharat services, which have modern State-of-the-Art technology and 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. These services, which are fully non-AC trains, presently comprising 12 Sleeper Class Coaches and 8 General Class coaches, are providing high quality services to the passengers.

Fare is charged as per kilometre-wise basic fare table published from time to time. Apart from basic fare, reservation charge for reserved class, superfast charge for superfast trains, Goods and Service Tax in AC and First classes etc., as applicable, are levied separately. Moreover, fare varies depending upon class, categorization of trains, distance travelled, etc. Train-wise purchasing/ manufacturing costs are not maintained.