

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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VANDE BHARAT SERVICES IN KERALA

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the average speed of Vande Bharat services across the country during last five years, details thereof, zone-wise and year-wise;
- (b) whether the decrease in average speed will be applicable for new Vande Bharat sleeper trains to be introduced, details thereof;
- (c) whether railways will take steps to operate more Vande Bharat trains in Kerala considering the fact that Vande Bharat Express trains operating in Kerala have recorded the highest occupancy rates;
- (d) if not, the reasons therefor; and
- (e) whether Railways will take steps to increase the number of coaches in the Vande Bharat trains operating in Kerala?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (e) On Indian Railways (IR), passenger train services, including Vande Bharat services, are operated as per charted time-table. Accordingly, the average speed varies from section to section. As on 29th July, 2024, 102 Vande Bharat train services are operational across the Indian Railways, connecting states having Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network. Of these 102 Vande Bharat services, 04 Vande Bharat Services are catering the needs of the passengers of the stations located in the state of Kerala.

Besides, introduction of new train services, including Vande Bharat services, and augmentation of the loads of existing train services are ongoing processes on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, resource availability, etc.
