

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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OPERATION OF VANDE BHARAT TRAINS

614 SHRI P. P. SUNEER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:-

- (a) the number of Vande Bharat trains operational in the country, zone-wise;
- (b) the benefits the Ministry has noted in increasing the number and frequency of Vande Bharat trains;
- (c) the number of trains that were rescheduled to make space for Vande Bharat trains, the details thereof, train-category wise, zone-wise; and
- (d) the number of passengers that availed the Vande Bharat trains, and the number of Vande Bharat trains running at full passenger capacity currently, zone-wise?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) The Vande Bharat services have been introduced to provide better travel experience and improved safety to the passengers. These are equipped with enhanced safety features and modern passenger amenities like- KAVACH system, Faster acceleration, Fully Sealed Gangway, Automatic Plug Doors, Better Ride Comfort, Mini Pantry with provision of Hot Case, Bottle Cooler, Deep freezer & Hot water Boiler, Reclining Ergonomic Seats, Comfortable Seating with revolving seats in executive class, Mobile charging sockets for every seat, special lavatory for Divyangjan passengers in Driving Trailer Car(DTC), CCTVs etc.

The Air-conditioning units used in Vande Bharat train are provided with UV-C based disinfection system, which deactivates 99% of harmful bacteria from conditioned air, to improve the hygiene standards inside the passenger area.

As on 31st January,2025, 136 Vande Bharat train services, having Chair Cars, are operational on the Broad Gauge (B.G.) electrified network of Indian Railways(IR). Further, passenger carrying train services, including Vande Bharat services, are operated as per charted time table and General Order of Precedence of Trains, without infringing other services.

During financial year 2024-25(upto December, 2024) approximately 2.14 Cr passengers availed Vande Bharat trains and the overall occupancy of Vande Bharat trains during the said period is approximately 100%.
