

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**STARRED QUESTION NO. 188**  
**ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022**

**VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS**

188 DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of Vande Bharat Express Trains started till date;
- (b) the total money spent per train and the cost spent on construction per train till date;
- (c) the number of proposed Vande Bharat Express Trains and number of trains expected to start to and fro from the State of Punjab; and
- (d) the average speed of Vande Bharat Express Trains?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY  
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 188 BY DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 23.12.2022 REGARDING VANDE BHARAT EXPRESS TRAINS**

(a) to (d) Presently, 06 pairs of Vande Bharat Express trains namely Varanasi- New Delhi, New Delhi – Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra, Mumbai Central-Gandhinagar Capital, New Delhi-Amb Andaura, Chennai-Mysuru, Bilaspur-Nagpur are in operation over the Indian Railways' (IR) network. The average per coach cost of the Vande Bharat Train is approx. ₹ 6.6 crore, as compared to ₹ 8 crore (2019) for Metro Coaches, which are of similar nature. The speed potential of these trains is 160 Kmph and are presently attaining speed upto 130 Kmph, as per maximum sectional speed.

Indian Railways do not run train services on a State-wise basis as the Railway network straddles across State boundaries. However, introduction of additional/new Vande Bharat services is an on-going process which is dependent on factors like operational feasibility and availability of rolling stock, etc.

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