

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1499
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

VANDE BHARAT BETWEEN BENGALURU TO MADURAI

1499 SHRI MATHESWARAN V S:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has plan to replace old coaches in the YERCAUD SF EXP (22649) with new LHB coach, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the Government has plan to introduce Vande Bharat train between Bengaluru to Madurai and if so, the details thereof and also provide the details of proposed stoppage between Madurai and Bengaluru; and**
- (c) whether Government has plan to consider Namakkal Junction as stoppage in the proposed Vande Bharat train between Bengaluru to Madurai and 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 (c) 22649/22650 Chennai-Erode Yercaud Express is presently being operated with ICF (Integral Coach Factory) design coaches which are fit for operation and maintained as per existing policy.

At present, Madurai-Bengaluru sector is being served by 4 pairs of train services. Besides, replacement of ICF (Integral Coach Factory) coaches with LHB (Linke Hofmann Busch) coaches, introduction of train services including Vande Bharat services and provision of stoppages is an ongoing process on Indian Railways subject to traffic justification, operational feasibility, availability of resources etc.
