

# Railway services have improved under NDA regime, says Modi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said there has been a considerable improvement in the services offered by the Railways under the present government.

He was addressing a public gathering before flagging off the Vande Bharat Express (Train 18) between New Delhi and Varanasi.

Modi said, "You will remember that the Railways website could book only 2,000 tickets per minute for the entire country. Now the website has become more consumer-friendly and the maximum number of tickets booked has



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increased to 20,000 per minute."

Modi also said the pace of approvals for rail infrastructure projects has quickened. "Earlier, railway projects took two years to get necessary approvals. Under the present

government, projects get approvals within six months."

He said the Centre has successfully completed a drive to eliminate all unmanned crossings on broad-gauge tracks. "There were 8,300 unmanned railway crossings when we came to power. Today, there are no unmanned crossings on the broad gauge lines."

Modi said the Railways has made significant progress under 'Make in India' due to its improved manufacturing capabilities. He said modernisation of old and new rail coach factories, conversion of diesel engines to electric and starting new factories have been done.