Russian JV to make 120 High Speed Trains in India

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Russian JV secures contract to make 120 Vande Bharat trains in India (Reference: <u>https://www.railway-technology.com/news/russian-jv-secures-contract/</u>)

April 3, 2023: New Delhi: Indian Railways to augment the capacity to manufacture High Speed trains: Indian Railways has issued a contract to Russian company JSC Metrowagonmash-Mytischi (TMH) for manufacturing 120 Vande Bharat trains with a sleeper facility in a joint venture with Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Indian Railways. The manufacturing plant of the joint venure will be at Latur, Maharashtra, India.

Indian Railways have also sent a counteroffer to another JV, **Titagarh-BHEL**, for the manufacture of 80 Vande Bharat trains.

TMH-RVNL had quoted the rate of Rs 1.2 billion while Titagarh-BHEL came second with a quote of Rs 1.4 billion per rake.

The Vande Bharat train with sleeper facility will feature one First AC coach, three Second AC coaches and 11 Third AC coaches.

Earlier this month, **Tata Steel** signed an agreement with Indian Railways to manufacture coaches and seats for Vande Bharat Express trains. Under the contract, Tata agreed to make seats for First AC and Three-tier coaches. It also agreed to manufacture Linke Hofmann Busch (LHB) coaches for the indigenous-high-speed trains.