

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3297  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 09.08.2023**

**RAILWAY ZONES**

**†3297. SHRI DINESH LAL YADAV “NIRAHUA”:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the details of railway zones in operation in the country;**
- (b) whether the Railway Board has assessed the factors like size, workload, traffic systems, operation and administrative requirements of the present railway zones;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government proposes to sanction more railway zones as per requirement and demands of States;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (f) the steps taken by the Government to improve overall works performance of all railway zones to make the Railways more beneficial?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (f): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3297 BY SHRI DINESH LAL YADAV “NIRAHUA” TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.08.2023 REGARDING RAILWAY ZONES**

**(a): There are 17 Railway Zones in the country. Details are as under:**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Zonal Railway</b>	<b>Headquarter</b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>Mumbai</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Eastern Railway</b>	<b>Kolkata</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>East Central Railway</b>	<b>Hajipur</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b>East Coast Railway</b>	<b>Bhubaneswar</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Northern Railway</b>	<b>New Delhi</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>North Central Railway</b>	<b>Prayagraj</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b>North Eastern Railway</b>	<b>Gorakhpur</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Northeast Frontier Railway</b>	<b>Guwahati</b>
<b>9.</b>	<b>North Western Railway</b>	<b>Jaipur</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Southern Railway</b>	<b>Chennai</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b>South Central Railway</b>	<b>Secunderabad</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b>South Eastern Railway</b>	<b>Kolkata</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b>South East Central Railway</b>	<b>Bilaspur</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b>South Western Railway</b>	<b>Hubli</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>Mumbai</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b>West Central Railway</b>	<b>Jabalpur</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b>Metro Railway</b>	<b>Kolkata</b>

**(b) to (f): Assessment of Railway Zones workload, traffic patterns, administrative requirements and other factors affecting operation, is a continuous process.**

**Apart from above, except for South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone, with its headquarter at Visakhapatnam, no other proposal to increase the number of zones is under consideration at present.**

**To improve overall performance of Railway zones and profitability of Railways, thrust is on setting targets for all zones in the beginning of the Financial Year for freight loading, passenger traffic, earnings, expenditure, punctuality and infrastructure creation. Further, annual targets are also being set for improving asset utilization and productivity. The performance is evaluated and monitored regularly through review meetings. Issues and constraints faced by zones regarding performance are also addressed regularly.**