

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.4555
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.08.2025**

NEW ZONAL RAILWAY HEADQUARTERS

†4555. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railway Board/Ministry proposes to form a new zonal Railway Headquarters by combining the rail network of Punia, Saharsa, Supaul, Araria, Madhepura, Bhagalpur, Barka, Munger (Bihar), Dumka, Deoghar, Sahebganj, Pakur areas of Jharkhand including Katihar Railway Division under Northeast Frontier Railway;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by when the said new Zonal Railway Headquarters is likely to start functioning in full existence?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): Zones on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibilities, traffic pattern and other operational/administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency.

Zones on Indian Railways are not based on the state/district boundaries or on regional consideration. The rail network of

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Purnia, Saharsa, Supaul, Araria, Madhepura, Bhagalpur, Banka, Munger, Dumka, Deoghar, Sahebganj, Pakur areas and Katihar railway division fall under the jurisdiction of Eastern Railway, East Central Railway and Northeast Frontier Railway.

The present arrangement is working satisfactorily and there is no proposal under consideration to form a new zonal railway by combining the rail network under these districts and Katihar division.
