

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

STARRED QUESTION NO:382
ANSWERED ON:11.05.2006
RAILWAY ZONES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the existing Railway Zones functioning in the country;
- (b) whether there has been persistent demands from various quarters for creation of new Railway Zones;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI LALU PRASAD)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the Sabha.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.382 BY SHRI C.K.CHANDRAPPAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 11.05.2006 REGARDING RAILWAY ZONES

(a) There are sixteen Railway Zones functioning on Indian Railways which are as under:-

Railway	Headquarter
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Central Railway	Mumbai
Eastern Railway	Kolkata
Northern Railway	New Delhi
North Eastern Railway	Gorakhpur
Northeast Frontier Railway	Maligaon, Guwahati
Southern Railway	Chennai
South Central Railway	Secunderabad
South Eastern Railway	Kolkata
Western Railway	Mumbai
North Central Railway	Allahabad
North Western Railway	Jaipur
East Central Railway	Hajipur
South East Central Railway	Bilaspur
South Western Railway	Hubli
East Coast Railway	Bhubaneswar
West Central Railway	Jabalpur

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Demands have been received from various quarters/VIPs for setting up of new Zonal Headquarters at following locations:-

Zone	State
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1. Ahmedabad Gujarat
2. Ajmer Rajasthan
3. Amritsar Punjab
4. Calicut Kerala
5. Cannanore Kerala
6. Cochin Kerala
- 7 Dhanbad Jharkhand
8. Dharwad Karnataka
9. Gandhidham Gujarat
10. Gandhinagar Gujarat
11. Jammu Jammu & Kashmir
12. Nagpur Maharashtra
13. Thiruvananthapuram Kerala

(d) New Railway Zones are set up keeping in view the factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other administrative/operational requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency and not on regional considerations. The proposals for creation of new Zones, when seen in the light of these considerations, have not been found operationally feasible.