

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

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NEW RAILWAY DIVISION
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a): whether there is any move to set up any new Railway Division under any of the Railways Zone in the country;
- (b): if so, the details thereof;
- (c): the details of the urgent necessity to set up such new Divisions; and
- (d): the criteria for setting up new Railway Divisions and Zones in the country?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

- (a): Yes, Sir.
- (b): It has been agreed in principle to set up a new Divisional Headquarters at Salem on Southern Railway.
- (c): Looking into the vast geographical spread of Palghat Division, it has become an operational administrative necessity to set up a Divisional headquarters at Salem.
- (d): New Divisions/Zones are set up keeping in view factors like size (geographical spread), workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operating / administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency without any regional considerations.