

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:337
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SHIFTING OF THE HEAD QUARTER OF WESTERN RAILWAY
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any demand from the Gujarat State for shifting the Head Quarter of Western Railway from Mumbai to Ahmedabad; and

(b) if so, the reaction of the Railways thereto?

Answer

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

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): The location of the Headquarters of a Railway is decided on the basis of operational and administrative requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency and not on regional considerations. The present arrangement is working satisfactorily. In view of these, there is no need for shifting the Headquarters of Western Railway to Ahmedabad.