

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2977
ANSWERED ON:07.12.2000
CREATION OF NEW ZONES AND DIVISIONS
ANANTA NAYAK;UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government had a proposal to make Bhubaneswar, Hajipur, Allahabad, Jaipur, Bangalore, Jabalpur and Bilaspur Zonal Headquarters and create 8 new divisions;
- (b) if so, the steps taken in this regard alongwith the date of inauguration of each Zonal Headquarter and division;
- (c) whether all the newly created zones/divisions have started functioning, with special reference to Guntur division;
- (d) if so, the details thereof along with the territorial jurisdiction of each zone and division;
- (e) if not, the reasons for delay in each case; and
- (f) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A statement is attached.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) : The Railways are presently facing resource constraints. Even within the available resources, some allocation of funds has been made to progress the efforts. The proposed new Zones/Divisions will gradually became operational, depending upon the availability of investible resources for this purpose by the Railways.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (b) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2977 ASKED BY PROF. UMMAREDDY VENKATESWARLU & SHRI ANANTA NAYAK, TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.12.2000 REGARDING CREATION OF NEW ZONES AND DIVISIONS.

(b) The inaugural dates of new Zones and Divisions are as under:-

Zones Date	Inaugural	Divisions Date	Inaugural
East Coast Railway/ Bhubaneswar.	8.8.96	Pune	13.1.96
NorthCentral Railway/ Allahabad	28.8.96	Ahmedabad	10.3.96

East Central,Railway / Hajipur	8.9.96	Ranchi	28.10.96
North Western Railway/ Jaipur	17.10.96	Rangiya	8.11.95
South Western Railway/ Bangalore	1.11.96	Guntur	5.7.97
West Central Railway/ Jabalpur	8.12.96	Singrauli	6.11.97
Bilaspur Zone/Bilaspur	20.9.98	Agra Raipur	27.12.98 23.5.99