

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:435
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DECENTRALISATION OF DECISION MAKING PROCESS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government have decided to decentralise decision making process on the administrative and financial levels in the Railways to improve both services and earnings;
- (b) whether the Railways have felt the need for decentralisation in view of dipping revenue and delay in completion of projects;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

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

- (a) Indian Railways already have a well defined decentralised set-up with sufficient administrative and financial powers delegated to the General Managers of Zonal Railways/Units. Delegation of Powers is, however, a continuous process and powers to Zonal Railways are being delegated from time to time, keeping in view the evolving operational and administrative requirements as also specific needs of Zonal Railways/Units.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c)&(d): Do not arise.