

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:534

ANSWERED ON:24.02.2011

NEW RAILWAY ZONE

Harnsrajbhai Shri Radadiya Vitthalbhai ;Mahendrasinh Shri Chauhan

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether there is a long-standing demand for establishment of a Railway Zone in Gujarat;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the time by which it is likely to be established?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIYAPPA)

(a) to (c): Yes, Madam. Representations have been received from time to time, for setting up new Zonal Headquarter at various locations in Gujarat. However, new Railway Zones are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other administrative/operational requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency, and not on purely regional considerations. The proposals for creation of a new Railway Zone in Gujarat, when seen in the light of these considerations, have not been found operationally feasible.