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SHIFTING OF HQRS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Gujarat has requested for shifting of Western Railway (WR) Headquarters from Mumbai to Ahmedabad in view of huge contribution from the State of Gujarat to the WR; and

(b) if so, the response of the Government thereto and the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The location of the Headquarters of a Railway depends on operational and administrative requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. The proposal to shift the Western Railway's headquarters from Mumbai to Ahmedabad was examined in the light of the above and has not been considered feasible.