

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3634  
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011  
NEW RAILWAY STATIONS  
Reddy Shri Modugula Venugopala

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the criteria in place for opening of new railway stations in the country;
- (b) the number of new railway stations opened during the last three years and the current year, zone/State-wise;
- (c) whether the Railways have received requests for opening of new railway stations, during the said period; and
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon?

**Answer**

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

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3634 BY SHRI MODUGULA VENUGOPALA REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.12.2011 REGARDING NEW RAILWAY STATIONS.

(a): New stations generally are opened during the commissioning of a new railway line. On existing lines, opening of a new block station depends on operational requirement, technical feasibility, need for providing connectivity to freight sidings etc. Halt stations are opened on public demand, if found financially viable and feasible from operating and engineering point of view.

(b): 186 stations were opened during the last three years and the current year. A Zone-Wise list is Appended.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): Demands for opening of 206 new stations were received during the last 3 years of which 69 have been sanctioned. Of the 69 stations sanctioned 49 stations have already been opened.