

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1507
ANSWERED ON:22.03.2012
NEW ZONES/DIVISIONS IN THE RAILWAYS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways propose for creation of new Zones and Divisions in the country with modernisation in the Railway Board;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the fund allocation and the time frame set for their implementation;
- (c) the number of Railway zones in the country alongwith the revenue generated by each Zone during the last three years;
- (d) whether the funds spent for expansion of railway facilities in each Zone are in proportion to the amount of revenues generated by each Zone;
- (e) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise for the last three years; and
- (f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

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

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1507 BY SHRI P.C. GADDIGOUDAR & KUMARI SAROJ PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2012 REGARDING NEW ZONES/DIVISIONS IN THE RAILWAYS.

(a) & (b) Creation of new Zones and Divisions and modernization in the Railway Board is an ongoing exercise undertaken as per the operational and organisational needs arising from time to time. At present, creation of no new Zones or Divisions, other than those existing or announced already, is under consideration.

(c) There are 17 Zones on Indian Railways including Metro Railway/Kolkata, which has recently been declared a Zonal railway. The revenue generated by each zone during the last three years is as under:

| | (Rs. in crore) | | |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|----------|
| Zone | 2008-09 | 2009-10 | 2010-11 |
| 1. Central | 6427.24 | 6909.08 | 7466.44 |
| 2. Eastern | 3112.78 | 3514.97 | 3840.07 |
| 3. East Central | 4713.45 | 5133.90 | 5449.70 |
| 4. East Coast | 6638.21 | 7023.93 | 8887.81 |
| 5. Northern | 7481.40 | 8812.37 | 9775.50 |
| 6. North Central | 6813.86 | 7551.97 | 7965.75 |
| 7. North Eastern | 1391.84 | 1464.77 | 1682.93 |
| 8. North East Frontier | 2347.75 | 2430.86 | 2616.06 |
| 9. North Western | 2466.37 | 3001.56 | 3379.72 |
| 10. Southern | 4324.05 | 4456.90 | 4790.28 |
| 11. South Central | 7715.32 | 8392.51 | 8531.91 |
| 12. South Eastern | 6737.31 | 7214.80 | 7752.35 |
| 13. South East Central | 5007.35 | 5378.67 | 5799.84 |
| 14. South Western | 3035.20 | 2879.85 | 2866.59 |
| 15. Western | 6700.74 | 7381.29 | 7820.84 |
| 16. West Central | 4850.15 | 5468.51 | 5796.52 |
| 17. Metro Railway | 74.06 | 88.71 | 103.15 |
| TOTAL | 79837.08 | 87104.65 | 94525.46 |

(d) to (f) The revenue generated by Zonal Railways is aggregated in a centralized manner and utilized thereafter for investment and working expenses of the Zonal Railways, depending on the specific requirements of specific regions and areas, and the overall national priority.