

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6855

ANSWERED ON:17.05.2012

TRADE UNIONS IN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether election to select and recognize a single trade union from amongst the unions of various railway zones was held in October, 2007;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Railways for recognition of a single trade union under the relevant policy after completion of the stipulated period of five years in October, 2012;
- (d) the number of railway trade union offices in the country, State-wise including Uttar Pradesh; and
- (e) the details of the facilities being provided to the said trade unions?

Answer

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

(a) & (b) In compliance of Courts' directives to determine the exclusive membership of unions through Secret Ballot, elections were held on the sixteen(16) Zonal Railways from 26.11.2007 to 28.11.2007. Recognition was granted to unions who fulfilled the norms prescribed. In this process, on 11(eleven) zonal railways, two unions were recognised and on 5(five) zonal railways, only single union could be recognised.

(c) No such stipulation of five years was laid down in the modalities framed for conducting elections in 2007.

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

(e) Recognised trade unions on the Zonal railways are provided certain facilities like negotiation under Permanent Negotiating Machinery, travel facility, special casual leave, deputation of railway employees to such union on foreign service terms, office accommodation, telephone.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 6855 BY SHRIMATI USHA VERMA, SHRIMATI SUSHILA SAROJ, SHRI HARSH VARDHAN, SHRI KAMESHWAR BAITHA, SHRI MAHESHWAR HAZARI AND SHRIMATI SEEMA UPADHYAY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.05.2012 REGARDING TRADE UNIONS IN RAILWAYS

(d) On Indian Railways, trade unions exist railway-wise. Number of buildings allotted to railway unions railway-wise is as under:

Railway Number of building allotted
 to railway unions

Central Railway.	148
Eastern Railway	72
East Central Railway	80
East Coast Railway	80
Northern Railway	189
North Central Railway	94
North East Railway	37
Northeast Frontier Railway	12
North Western Railway	71
Southern Railway	192
South Central Railway	110
South Eastern Railway	83
South East Central Railway	55
South Western Railway	72
Western Railway	128
West Central Railway	53

TOTAL 1476

