

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5971

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REORGANISATION OF DIVISION SHIFTING OF HQRS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways propose to extend the western boundary limit of Rangia Division up to Srirampur station in the district of Kokrajhar (Assam) in order to provide easy access to the facilities of the North Frontier Railway services to the people of lower Assam;

(b) if so, the details and the present status thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) 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;

(d) if so, the reasons for not finding it feasible by the Railways; and

(e) the time by which the said request is likely to be approved by the Railways?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) : No, Madam.

(b): Shifting of the boundaries of Rangiya Division to include Srirampur station will not have any impact on access to lower Assam as this station is already being managed by Alipurduar Division.

(c): Yes, Madam.

(d): The location of the headquarters of a Railway depends on operational & administrative requirements, consistent with the needs of economy & efficiency and not on regional considerations.

The Western Railway headquarters at Mumbai is working satisfactorily and no change is considered necessary.

In the light of the above, the proposal for shifting Western Railway headquarters from Mumbai to Ahmedabad has not been considered feasible.

(e): Does not arise.