

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:826  
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SHIFTING OF WESTERN RAILWAY HEADQUARTERS  
Rathwa Shri Ramsinhbhai Patalbhai

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

- (a) whether the Railways have received any request from the Government of Gujarat for shifting the Western Railway Headquarters from Mumbai to Vadodara;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the reaction of the Railways thereto?

**Answer**

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

(a) & (b): No, Madam. However, demands have been received from various Very Important Persons for shifting the Headquarters of Western Railway from Mumbai in Maharashtra to Gujarat at various different locations i.e. Ahmedabad; Gandhinagar; Gandhidham; and Vadodara.

(c): The location of a Zonal Railway headquarters is decided on the basis of operational and administrative requirements, without any regional considerations. Moreover, the shifting of a well established office shall also involve transfer of a large number of staff resulting in dislocation of their family set-up and other allied problems. The Western Railway headquarters at Mumbai is working satisfactorily. Any change in the present arrangement is not contemplated.