

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1960
ANSWERED ON:09.03.2015
REORGANISATION OF RAILWAY ZONES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways have taken any final decision on the recommendations made by the committee setup for reorganisation of Railways Zones and Divisions in the country;
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by which a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;
- (c) whether the said committee has considered the regional and geographical factors vis-à-vis administrative and operational factors for the purpose for ensuring equitable development/expansion of railways across the country;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Railways in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1960 BY SHRI NIMMALA KRISTAPPA AND MOHAMMED FAIZAL TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 09.03.2015 REGARDING REORGANISATION OF RAILWAY ZONES

(a) & (b) : Yes, Madam. The Committee, in its report, concluded that none of the requests for creation of new zones and divisions is feasible. Ministry of Railways have accepted the recommendations of the committee, except for those relating to creation of new divisions at Gulbarga and Jammu.

(c) to (e): New Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view various factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operational/ administrative requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. The Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways are neither based on the State/District boundaries nor are created on the basis of regional/geographical considerations.

The said Committee was constituted to analyse the large number of requests, which had been received from various State Governments, Union Ministers, Members of Parliament/MLAs, etc. for the creation of new Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways, from various angles of railway working like operational, financial, administrative and staff related issues etc. and examine the feasibility of creation of the proposed new Zones/Divisions. The Committee has submitted its report after examining the requests from these angles.