

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
RAILWAYS  
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1201  
ANSWERED ON:17.07.2014  
REORGANISATION OF ZONES AND DIVISION  
Antony Shri Anto ;Mullappally Shri Ramachandran

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

- (a) whether the existing Railway Zones/Divisions are sufficient to cater to the increasing railway traffic in the country;
- (b) if not, whether any committee was set up for the reorganization of Zones/Divisions in the country;
- (c) if so, the details thereof along with the action taken in this regard;
- (d) whether creation of Salem division has adversely affected the earnings of Palakkad division; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof along with 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. 1201 BY SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN AND SHRI ANTO ANTONY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2014 REGARDING REORGANISATION OF ZONES AND DIVISION

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) & (c): A Committee of Senior Administrative Grade officers was set up by the Ministry of Railways to examine the large number of requests received from the State Governments, Union Ministers, Members of Parliament/ MLAs etc for the creation of new zones and divisions on Indian Railways on the basis of Railways' working, like operational, financial, administrative etc. The Committee, in its report, concluded that none of these requests was feasible. Ministry of Railways have accepted the recommendations of the Committee, except for those relating to creation of new divisions at Gulbarga and Jammu.

(d): No, Madam. The earnings of Palakkad division are in proportion to its new jurisdiction.

(e): Does not arise.