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Title : Need to establish a Railway Division of South Central Railway at Kazipet, Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI B. VINOD KUMAR (HANAMKONDA): In tune with the vision of Hon'ble Railway Minister's objectives, I am making a proposal to establish a new Railway Division at Kazipet Junction which if becomes operational as early as possible will definitely contribute to the profit making goal of Indian Railways as well as betterment of rail infrastructure in North Telangana region.

Sir, Kazipet Junction is presently situated in Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway and is in proximity to the Singareni Collieries (largest coal mines in South India).

If we examine at the revenue patterns of the six divisions of South Central Railway, it will show the necessity to carve out an exclusive operational and administrative set up for better freight management.

Secunderabad Division of South Central Railway has earned a lion share for the zone owing to coal and cement loading and all these rich natural resources are situated in the drought prone, backward region of Telangana.

Kazipet is amongst triplet cities, which forms Warangal Municipality Corporation. It is the capital city of great Kakatiya Empire in 11<sup>th</sup> Century which ruled the entire Southern India and lasted for nearly 350 years. Warangal town is also known as an educational centre with a University and reputed colleges.

I request the Government that in view of operational and locational advantages of Kazipet Junction, a Division in South Central Railway should be established there.