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Title: Need to form a new, separate railway zone by separating Waltair Division from East Coast Division.

SHRI MUTHAMSETTI SRINIVASA RAO (AVANTHI) (ANAKAPALLI): Hon. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, I would thank you for giving me this opportunity and for the patient hearing even at 7.20 p.m. It is a very important issue. So, please give one more minute to me

Sir, our State is a newly-born State. There is only one State in this country which has no capital, no international airport and no railway zone. So, a separate railway zone is a longstanding request. Right now, there are four divisions in our State: Vijayawada, Guntur, Guntakal and Visakhapatnam. Waltair Division is rightly a part of the East Coast Railway Division. So, there is a lot of discrimination meted out to our Waltair Division. But income-wise, we are earning a sum of Rs.7000 crore *per annum*. But, unfortunately, the facilities and the issues are very high in our division. That is why, I would request the hon. Minister to separate our Division from the East Coast Division and form a new, separate railway zone. Already, it was provided in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act. It is not only that....(*Interruptions*) We gave a lot of infrastructure in Visakhapatnam like rail connectivity, road connectivity and buildings. There is no financial involvement in this. So, I request the Government of India to give a separate railway zone to our new State.