

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2942
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.07.2019**

SEPARATE RAILWAY ZONE

2942. MS. RAMYA HARIDAS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the traditional criteria fixed by Railways for creating a separate Railway Zone for a new area;**
- (b) whether there is any requirement of a minimum amount of traffic and income to be generated for a proposed zone if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any weightage is given to the backwardness of a particular area to create a new Railway Zone; and**
- (d) if so, the number of Railway Zones in the country and the respective gross income generated by them during the last three years?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2942 BY MS. RAMYA HARIDAS TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.07.2019 REGARDING SEPARATE RAILWAY ZONE

(a) to (c) : New Zones on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view the factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic patterns and other operational/administrative requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency, without any regional considerations.

(d): At present, there are 17 Zones on Indian Railways and their respective gross income generated in last three years, is as under:

S.No.	Zonal Railway	Gross income generated (₹ in Crore)		
		2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
1.	Central Railway	12,711.23	13,703.04	15,387.84
2.	Eastern Railway	7,171.60	7,396.99	7,404.29
3.	East Central Railway	10,869.43	12,603.19	12,858.76
4.	East Coast Railway	14,879.44	16,836.54	17,671.16
5.	Northern Railway	16,261.00	17,609.50	16,424.92
6.	North Central Railway	13,293.50	15,452.23	15,685.20
7.	North Eastern Railway	3,140.38	3,305.46	3,450.89
8.	Northeast Frontier Railway	5,958.62	5,037.96	5,422.85
9.	North Western Railway	7,626.46	7,281.99	7,868.53
10.	Southern Railway	7,510.29	7,674.38	8,464.11
11.	South Central Railway	14,583.73	16,332.10	18,043.72
12.	South Eastern Railway	12,879.03	13,984.53	15,148.56
13.	South East Central Railway	11,992.47	13,091.27	14,127.44
14.	South Western Railway	4,607.22	4,816.59	4,945.98
15.	Western Railway	11,721.61	12,397.01	14,010.47
16.	West Central Railway	9,878.29	10,968.43	12,820.82
17.	Metro Railway	214.74	209.94	234.52
	Total	1,65,299.04	1,78,701.15	1,89,970.06
