

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2045**  
**ANSWERED ON 23.12.2022**

**INCREASING RAILWAY ZONES**

2045 DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways will increase the number of zones in Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, the reasons thereof;
- (c) whether Railways will ensure that all the railway tracks and railway stations in Tamil Nadu come under one single zone; and
- (d) if so, the reasons thereof?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) & (b): Apart from the already approved South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone, there is no plan to set up any other railway zone on Indian Railways at present.

(c) & (d): The jurisdiction of Railway Zones/Divisions is decided on the basis of operational and administrative requirements, keeping in view the geographical contiguity of the divisions forming a zone, smooth movement of rail traffic and provision of better control to improve efficiency of the system. The Zones/Divisions on Indian Railways are not based on the State boundaries or on regional considerations. The present arrangement is working satisfactorily.

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