

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.450
ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022

CREATING NEW RAILWAY ZONES/DIVISIONS

450 DR. FAUZIA KHAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has evaluated the improvement/development in the system as had been laid down while creating new railway zones/divisions in Indian Railways;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) the extent of success achieved in enhancing the efficiency of Railways particularly the punctuality of trains and security of the passengers?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.450 BY DR. FAUZIA KHAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2022 REGARDING CREATING NEW RAILWAY ZONES/DIVISIONS

(a) & (b): Zones/Divisions on Indian Railways are created keeping in view the factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic patterns and other operational/administrative requirements consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. All the Railway Zones are performing at optimum level to achieve Indian Railways' primary objective of providing safe, efficient, financially viable, customer-focused and environment friendly integrated transportation solutions.

(c): To improve the punctuality of trains, Indian Railways constantly monitors the running of passenger carrying trains at Divisional, Zonal and Railway Board levels. Besides equipments failures, punctuality of trains is also affected by external factors like weather, alarm chain pulling, cattle run over etc. Railways have initiated various measures aimed at improving punctuality of trains over Indian Railways.

Railway Protection Force (RPF) supplements the efforts of Government Railway Police (GRP)/ District Police to provide better protection and security of passenger area and passengers and for matters connected therewith. Based on the data published by National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) available upto 2021, there is considerable decrease in the cases of crime reported over Indian Railways during the year 2021 as compared to the year 2019.
