

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.454**  
**ANSWERED ON 09.12.2022**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF SCoR ZONE IN VISAKHAPATNAM**

454 SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the status of establishment of the new South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone with headquarter at Visakhapatnam, funds released and other details thereof;
- (b) the terms of reference of the Senior Administrative Grade level Committee appointed to study inputs received regarding jurisdictional and other issues related to new SCoR Zone and its recommendations;
- (c) the expected date of submission of the Committee's report;
- (d) whether any discussion have been held with railway employees' unions in Waltair Division regarding promotion and transfer related issues; and
- (e) whether views of railway employees' unions would be considered to address their concerns?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.454 BY SHRI G.V.L. NARASIMHA RAO ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.12.2022 REGARDING ESTABLISHMENT OF SCoR ZONE IN VISAKHAPATNAM**

(a): Subsequent to the Government's approval for setting up of the new South Coast Railway (SCoR) Zone with its headquarter at Visakhapatnam, Officer on Special Duty/SCoR was posted at Visakhapatnam and directed to undertake planning and preparatory work for formation of New Zone. Detailed Project Report (DPR) has been submitted by OSD/SCoR for setting up of new Zone. Accordingly, an Umbrella work titled "Creation of new South Coast Railway Zone and new Rayagada Division in East Coast Railway" was included in Budget 2020-21 at an estimated cost of ₹170 Cr. An outlay of ₹ 0.40 Cr. each was proposed for this work in 2021-22 and 2022-23.

Also, land pocket for construction of SCoR Zonal Headquarters (HQ) Office Complex has been identified. In order to fast track the process, Railway has also been directed to take up suitable work for preliminary activities like land survey, preparation of complete layout plan of SCoR/HQ office complex, residential colony and other construction pre-requisites. An itemised work of "Setting up of South Coast Railways' Zone HQ" has also been sanctioned on 10.11.2022 at an estimated cost of ₹106.89 Cr. under already sanctioned Umbrella Work of 2020-21.

(b) & (c): The Terms of Reference of the Committee constituted to review the jurisdictional and other issues related to creation of new SCoR Zone and Rayagada Division are as under:

- (i) To examine and review the jurisdiction mentioned in the DPR for ensuring seamless movement of freight and passenger traffic, keeping in view the adequacy of maintenance infrastructure for Rolling Stock and other operational issues.
- (ii) To suggest revised norms (Gazetted and Non-Gazetted) for manning of new Zonal HQ and Divisional HQ office to fulfill the objectives of a lean organization.
- (iii) Any other issue, considered relevant by the Committee in the context of operationalization of new SCoR Zone and Rayagada Division.

(d) & (e): Appropriate decision on all relevant administrative issues including seniority, promotions, transfers etc. will be taken after the approval of the DPR, duly taking into consideration the concerns of Railway employees.

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