

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1384**  
**ANSWERED ON 02.08.2024**

**PERFORMANCE OF RAILWAY ZONES**

1384 #SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the operational Railway Zones in the country;
- (b) whether the Railway Board has assessed the factors such as structure, workload, traffic pattern and operational and administrative requirements of the existing Railway Zones;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the steps taken by Government to improve the performance of all railway zones to increase the profit of railways?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1384 BY SHRI DEEPAK PRAKASH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 02.08.2024 REGARDING PERFORMANCE OF RAILWAY ZONES**

(a): There are 17 Railway Zones in the country. Details are as under:

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>Zonal Railway</b>	<b>Headquarter</b>
1.	Central Railway	Mumbai
2.	Eastern Railway	Kolkata
3.	East Central Railway	Hajipur
4.	East Coast Railway	Bhubaneswar
5.	Northern Railway	New Delhi
6.	North Central Railway	Prayagraj
7.	North Eastern Railway	Gorakhpur
8.	Northeast Frontier Railway	Guwahati
9.	North Western Railway	Jaipur
10.	Southern Railway	Chennai
11.	South Central Railway	Secunderabad
12.	South Eastern Railway	Kolkata
13.	South East Central Railway	Bilaspur
14.	South Western Railway	Hubli
15.	Western Railway	Mumbai
16.	West Central Railway	Jabalpur
17.	Metro Railway	Kolkata

(b) to (d): Assessment of Railway Zones workload, traffic patterns, administrative requirements and other factors affecting operation, is a continuous process.

To improve overall performance of Railway zones and profitability of Railways, thrust is on setting targets for all zones in the beginning of the Financial Year for freight loading, passenger traffic, earnings, expenditure, punctuality and infrastructure creation. Further, annual targets are also being set for improving asset utilization and productivity. The performance is evaluated and monitored regularly through review meetings. Issues and constraints faced by zones regarding performance are also addressed regularly.

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