

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2411  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

**CREATION OF NEW RAILWAY ZONE**

**2411. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of Railway Zones in the country and the respective gross income generated by them in 2016-2018;**
- (b) whether there is any requirement of a minimum amount of traffic and income to be generated by a proposed zone, if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) whether any weightage is given to the backwardness of a particular area for creating a new Railway zone; and**
- (d) if so, the details thereof?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS  
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(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.2411 BY SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.12.2018 REGARDING CREATION OF NEW RAILWAY ZONE**

**(a): At present, there are 17 Zones on Indian Railways and their respective gross income/earning generated in 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 is as under:**

<b>S.No.</b>	<b>ZONAL RAILWAY</b>	<b>Gross Traffic Earning 2016-17 (₹ in Crore)</b>	<b>Gross Traffic Earning 2017-18 (₹ in Crore)</b>
1.	Central Railway	12711.23	13703.04
2.	Eastern Railway	7171.60	7396.99
3.	East Central Railway	10869.43	12603.19
4.	East Coast Railway	14879.44	16836.54
5.	Northern Railway	16261.00	17609.50
6.	North Central Railway	13293.50	15452.23
7.	North Eastern Railway	3140.38	3305.46
8.	Northeast Frontier Railway	5958.62	5037.96
9.	North Western Railway	7626.46	7281.99
10.	Southern Railway	7510.29	7674.38
11.	South Central Railway	14583.73	16332.10
12.	South Eastern Railway	12879.03	13984.53
13.	South East Central Railway	11992.47	13091.27
14.	South Western Railway	4607.22	4816.59
15.	Western Railway	11721.61	12397.01
16.	West Central Railway	9878.29	10968.43
17.	Metro Railway	214.74	209.94
	<b>Total</b>	<b>165299.04</b>	<b>178701.15</b>

**(b) to (d) : 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.**

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