

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3645
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

RECONSTITUTION OF ZONES AND DIVISIONS

**†3645. SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:
SHRI JUGAL KISHORE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways has reconstituted zones and divisions or taken a final decision regarding recommendation made by the committee constituted to reconstitution of zones and divisions;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the time by when a final decision is likely to be taken in this regard;**
- (c) whether the said committee have contemplated on regional and geographical components in comparison to administrative and operational components to ensure uniform development/extension of railway across the country;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (e) if not, the steps taken/being taken by the Railways to give importance on regional/geographical components while taking decisions on such issues regarding reconstitution?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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.3645 BY SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK AND SHRI JUGAL KISHORE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.01.2019 REGARDING RECONSTITUTION OF ZONES AND DIVISIONS

(a) & (b): Reorganisation of Indian Railways has been carried out from time to time keeping in view the administrative and operational requirements. A Committee was constituted in 2017 to examine requests for creation of new zones and divisions received during the period from 2014 to 2017. The Committee in its report concluded that none of the requests for creation of new zones and divisions is feasible. These recommendations have been accepted by the Ministry of Railways.

(c) to (e): New Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view various factors like size, workload, accessibility, traffic pattern and other operational/ administrative requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. The Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways are neither based on the State/District boundaries nor are created on the basis of regional/geographical considerations.

The said Committee was constituted to analyse the large number of requests, which had been received from various State Governments, Union Ministers, Members of Parliament/MLAs, etc. for the creation of new Zones and Divisions on Indian Railways, from various angles of railway working like operational, financial, administrative and staff related issues etc. and examine the feasibility of creation of the proposed new Zones/Divisions. The Committee had submitted its report after examining the requests from these angles.
