

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5496
TO BE ANSWERED ON 05.04.2023**

FUNDS ALLOTTED TO ZONES

5496. SHRI VELUSAMY P.:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of zones that the Indian Railways are having as on date and the profitability of these zones;**
- (b) whether the Government is having any policy or guidelines for allotment of development funds to Railway Zones as per their performance;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the present status of Southern Railway and the amount of development funds released to them during the past three years and the current year; and**
- (e) whether the Government has any proposal to increase the number of zones in future and if so, the details thereof?**

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.5496 BY SHRI VELUSAMY P. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 05.04.2023 REGARDING FUNDS ALLOTTED TO ZONES

(a): There are 17 Railway Zones in the country including Metro Railway, Kolkata. Zonal Railway-wise details of profitability are not maintained. 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.

(b) & (c): Allotment of funds for development amongst railway zones is based on various factors including fund availability, projected requirement of railway zones, overall objectives of Indian Railways etc. and not on performance of any individual zone.

(d): Funds for development of infrastructure, acquisition of assets and renewal/replacement activities on Indian Railways are provided under Capital segment of Demand No.85. For Southern Railway, Capital expenditure (Capex) during 2019-20, 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23, in Revised Estimates (RE), is given as under:

Year	Outlay (Total Capex) (₹ in Cr.)
RE 2019-20	6373.79
RE 2020-21	6097.41
RE 2021-22	8952.53
RE 2022-23	9969.64

(e): The Government has recently approved setting up of a new Railway Zone viz. South Coast Railway (SCoR) with its headquarter at Visakhapatnam.
