

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.352
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.03.2020**

SOUTHERN COAST RAILWAY ZONE

***352. SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU:**

SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the decisions and steps taken by the Government regarding establishment/creation of Southern Coast Railway Zone;**
- (b) the details of funds allocated and released so far for development of the said Zone;**
- (c) whether any progress has been made and time-frame fixed for making the new zone operational;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) the names of the agencies assigned with the work such as construction, maintenance, etc. therein?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.352 BY SHRI RAM MOHAN NAIDU KINJARAPU AND SHRI P.V. MIDHUN REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 18.03.2020 REGARDING SOUTHERN COAST RAILWAY ZONE

(a) to (e): The Government has approved setting up of a new Railway Zone viz. South Coast Railway (SCoR) with its headquarter at Visakhapatnam and a new division with headquarter at Rayagada under existing East Coast Railway (ECoR) in lieu of existing Waltair Division by reorganizing the existing South Central Railway (SCR) and ECoR.

Officer on Special Duty/South Coast Railway (OSD/SCoR) has been posted and joined at Visakhapatnam and has been directed to undertake planning and preparatory work for formation of New Zone at Visakhapatnam. Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) have been submitted by OSD/SCoR and ECoR for setting up of new SCoR Zone and a new Rayagada Division respectively and are currently under examination in Board's Office.
