

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1478
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2021**

SHIFTING OF RAILWAY ZONE

1478. SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the progress and status of establishment of Visakhapatnam Railway Zone at Visakhapatnam alongwith the reasons for the delay, if any;**
- (b) whether there is any plan to shift the railway zone from Visakhapatnam to Vijayawada and if so, the details thereof and if not the reasons therefor;**
- (c) whether any proposal has been received from any quarters to this effect; and**
- (d) the stand of the Ministry in this regard?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) To (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1478 BY SHRI KANUMURU RAGHU RAMA KRISHNA RAJU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.02.2021 REGARDING SHIFTING OF RAILWAY ZONE

(a): An Officer on Special Duty/South Coast Railway (OSD/SCoR) was posted at Visakhapatnam to undertake planning and preparatory work for formation of New Zone. He has submitted the Detailed Project Report (DPR) for setting up of new SCoR Zone which is currently under examination in Board. In the meantime, an Umbrella work titled "Creation of new South Coast Railway Zone and new Rayagada Division in East Coast Railway" has been included in Budget 2020-21 under Capital Expenditure at an estimated cost of ₹170 Cr.

(b): No, Sir. The decision for formation of a new Railway Zone viz. South Coast Railway (SCoR) with headquarters at Visakhapatnam, has been taken after due consideration taking all relevant factors into account including administrative and operational requirements.

(c): No, Sir.

(d): Does not arise.
