

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 695
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

DEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO RAILWAY ZONES

695. SHRI SUNIL BOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

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

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Presently, 17 Railway Zones are operational in the country including Metro Railway, Kolkata. Further, foundation stone of new South Coast Railway zone has been laid recently.

Funds for infrastructure development to zonal railways is allocated based on various factors including overall fund availability, demand and requirement for various works, size of zone etc. and not on performance of any individual zone.

Zonal Railway wise details of Total Earnings and Total Expenditure are available in Annual Statistical Statement of Indian Railways which is available on website of Indian Railways (<https://indianrailways.gov.in>).

Further, creation and setting up of zonal railway depends on operational and infrastructural requirements of Indian Railways.
