

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2246
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2015**

NEW RAIL LINE

**2246. PROF. SAUGATA ROY:
SHRI HARISHCHANDRA CHAVAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of criteria for setting up of new railway zones and divisions in the country;**
- (b) whether the Railways have any proposal for setting up of new railway zone or division in the country;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) whether the Konkan Railway is attached to any railway zone and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)**

(a): 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.

(b) & (c): At present, there is no plan to set up new divisions on Indian Railways, except those with headquarters at Gulbarga, Jammu and Silchar, which were announced in February, 2014. In addition, a Committee of senior officers from Railways has also been constituted to examine the issue of setting up a new railway zone in the successor State of Andhra Pradesh, in terms of Item No.8 of Schedule 13 (Infrastructure) of Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014.

(d): No, Madam. Konkan Railway is not attached to any Zonal Railway. It is under the control of Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL), a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE) under the Ministry of Railways, formed with the mandate of construction and operation of Konkan Railway.
