

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 43
TO BE ANSWERED ON 24.02.2016**

SHIFTING OF WESTERN RAILWAY HEAD QUARTER

43. SHRI C.R. PATIL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat contributes a major share in passenger and goods traffic to Western Railways;

(b) if so, whether the State Government of Gujarat has requested for shifting of Western Railway Head Quarter from Mumbai to Ahmedabad and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has accepted the above request;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a): Yes, Madam.

(b) to (e): Representations for shifting Western Railway Headquarters from Mumbai to Ahmedabad have been received from time to time from various fora, including the State Government of Gujarat.

The location of the headquarters of a Zonal Railway depends on operational and administrative requirements, consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency and not on regional considerations.

Western Railway headquarter at Mumbai is working satisfactorily.

The proposal to shift Western Railway's headquarters from Mumbai to Ahmedabad was examined in the light of the above and has not been considered feasible.

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