GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 533
TO BE ANSWERED ON 20.07.2016

REORGANISATION OF RAILWAY ZONES AND DRM OFFICES

†533. SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL:
      SHRI ARVIND SAWANT :

    Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of railway zones and Divisional Railway Manager (DRM) offices in the country, zone-wise;

(b) whether the railway zones and DRM offices have been reorganised;

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether several Members of Parliament (MPs) have requested for reorganisation of existing railway zones and DRM offices and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken by the Railways in this regard and the outcome thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.533 BY SHRIMATI BHAVANA PUNDALIKRAO GAWALI PATIL AND SHRI ARVIND SAWANT TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 20.07.2016 REGARDING REORGANISATION OF RAILWAY ZONES AND DRM OFFICES

(a): At present there are 17 Railway Zones and 68 Divisions in the country. The details are given below:

RAILWAY ZONES	NO. OF DIVISIONS
Central	5
Eastern	4
East Central	5
East Coast	3
Northern	5
North Central	3
North Eastern	3
Northeast Frontier	5
North Western	4
Southern	6
South Central	6
South Eastern	4
South East Central	3
South Western	3
Western	6
West Central	3
Metro Railway, Kolkata	-

(b) & (c): Reorganisation of Indian Railways has been carried out from time to time keeping in view the administrative and operational requirements.

(d) & (e): Receipt of proposals from various State Governments, Members of Parliament, other elected representatives, etc., for reorganisation of zones and divisions including creation of new ones, is a continuous process. These proposals are examined from the standpoint of administrative and operational requirement.

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