

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1741
TO BE ANSWERED ON 29.07.2026**

FUNDS ALLOCATED TO RAILWAY ZONES

1741. SHRI SUNIL BOSE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the total number of Railway Zones in the country till date and the profitability of these zones;**
- (b) whether there is any policy or guidelines for allotment of development funds to Railway Zones as per their performance and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the details of the present status of Southern Railway including 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 Railway 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, 18 Railway Zones are operational in the country including Metro Railway, Kolkata.

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.
