

Proposals of Madhya Pradesh

†538. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of proposals of the Madhya Pradesh Government pending with his Ministry;
- (b) the reasons for which these proposals are not being considered; and
- (c) the number of districts of Madhya Pradesh still deprived of railway lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) The proposal of third line between Bina and Bhopal has been processed for obtaining requisite clearances. Field survey of Bhopal-Itarsi section has been completed.

- (c) District-wise information of railway lines is not maintained.

Electrification of rail line in Saurashtra

539. SHRI VIJAY KUMAR RUPANI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government are aware that people of Saurashtra in Gujarat have to spend lot of time and have to face many other difficulties due to non-electrification of railway track;
- (b) whether Government have planned for electrification of railway line from Veraval-Somnath to Ahmedabad and from Porbandar to Ahmedabad;
- (c) if so, whether any survey in this regard has been initiated;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU):

- (a) Yes, Sir.
- (b) No, Sir.
- (c) and (d) Do not arise.

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(e) Electrification of various sections is taken up in priority of traffic density of the route. Veraval-Somnath to Ahmedabad & from Porbandar to Ahmedabad will be taken up for electrification as and when it becomes due.

Railway zones

540. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the existing Railway zones functioning in the country, as on date;

(b) whether there has been persistent demand from various quarters for creation of new Railway zones;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the reaction of his Ministry thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) There are sixteen Railway zones functioning on Indian Railways which are as under:—

Railway	Headquarter
Central Railway Eastern	Mumbai
Railway Northern Railway	Kolkata
North-Eastern Railway	New Delhi
Northeast Frontier Railway	Gorakhpur
Southern Railway South-	Maligaon, Guwahati
Central Railway South-Eastern	Chennai
Railway Western Railway	Secunderabad
North-Central Railway North-	Kolkata
Western Railway East-Central	Mumbai
Railway South-East Central	Allahabad
Railway South-Western	Jaipur
Railway East Coast Railway	Hajipur
West-Central Railway	Bilaspur
	Hubli
	Bhubaneswar
	Jabalpur

(b) Yes, Sir.