

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) Yes, Sir. CONCOR is developing a Multi Modal Logistics Park (MMLP) at Vishakhapatnam on an area of 98 acres. Container Freight station operations have commenced since June, 2015 and the work of Rail connectivity is under progress.

(b) The facility is expected to handle containerized traffic of about 42,000 TEUs by 2019-20, and will also be handling Bulk cargo in Railway wagons when rail connectivity is established. This will contribute in increasing the goods transport and in developing logistics infrastructure along the Vishakhapatnam coastline.

#### **Railway zones and divisions in the country**

1088. SHRI BASAWARAJ PATIL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of railway zones and divisions in the country;
- (b) whether new zones and divisions have been sanctioned along with the details of those which have not commenced operations; and
- (c) the details of the progress of work in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) At present there are 17 Railway Zones and 68 Divisions in the country. The details are given below:

| Railway/Headquarters    | Divisions  |
|-------------------------|--|
| Central /Mumbai         | Mumbai (CSTM), Bhusawal, Nagpur, Solapur, Pune.    |
| Eastern/Kolkata         | Asansol, Howrah, Malda, Sealdah.                   |
| East Central/ Hajipur   | Danapur, Dhanbad, Mughalsarai, Samastipur, Sonpur. |
| East Coast/Bhubaneswar  | Khurda Road, Sambalpur, Waltair.                   |
| Northern/ New Delhi     | Ambala, Delhi, Lucknow, Moradabad, Ferozpur.       |
| North Central/Allahabad | Allahabad, Agra, Jhansi.                           |
| North Eastern/Gorakhpur | Lucknow, Izzatnager, Varanasi.                     |

| Railway/Headquarters         | Divisions   |
|------------------------------|---|
| Northeast Frontier /Guwahati | Katihar, Alipurduar, Rangiya, Lumding, Tinsukia.                  |
| North Western/ Jaipur        | Ajmer, Bikaner, Jaipur, Jodhpur.                                  |
| Southern/Chennai             | Chennai, Madurai, Palghat, Trichy, Trivandrum, Salem.             |
| South Central/Secunderabad   | Guntakal, Guntur, Hyderabad, Nanded, Secunderabad, Vijayawada.    |
| South Eastern/Kolkata        | Adra, Chakradharpur, Kharagpur, Ranchi.                           |
| South East Central/Bilaspur  | Bilaspur, Nagpur, Raipur.   |
| South Western/Hubli          | Bangalore, Hubli, Mysore.   |
| Western/Mumbai               | Mumbai (Central), Vadodara, Ratlam, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhavnagar. |
| West Central/Jabalpur        | Bhopal, Jabalpur, Kota.   |
| Metro/Kolkata                | Not applicable.   |

(b) and (c) Creation of three new divisions at Gulbarga, Jammu and Silchar was announced by the Hon'ble Minister for Railways during the course of discussions on the "Vote on Account" Budget of Railways 2014-15 in Rajya Sabha on 18.02.2014. Action has been initiated by the Ministry of Railways and Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) for two of the three divisions viz. Gulbarga and Jammu have already been received from the Zonal Railways concerned. Presently, these three divisions are not functional.

**Investment from foreign institutions for expansion and  
modernization of railways**

1089. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways are seeking investments from foreign institutions for its expansion and modernization projects;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details on achievements made so far, Agency /Institution-wise?