

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?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Indian Railways encourages investment from both domestic and foreign investors. 100% Foreign Direct Investment through automatic route has been permitted in the rail sector in August, 2014 and sectoral guidelines issued in November, 2014.

(c) The details of funding from multilateral/ bilateral lending agencies for projects in progress at present in Ministry of Railways are as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the Funding Agency	Lender/ Loan No. & Project	Loan Currency	Loan Amount (Millions)	Amount disbursed till 31.01.16	
					(Loan Equivalent currency in Millions)	Amount in Rupees crore
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor	US Dollar	2075	150	922
2.	Japan International Cooperation Agency	Western Dedicated Freight Corridor Phase I	Japanese Yen	230603	27985	1593
3.	Asian Development Bank	Rail Sector Program	US Dollar	280	149	925
4.	International Bank for Reconstruction and Development	Mumbai Urban Transport Project (Phase 2A)	US Dollar	385	182	1071
5.	Japan International Cooperation Agency	Kolkata East West Metro Project II	Japanese Yen	23402	13196	777

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6. In December 2015, Memorandum of Understanding has been Signed with Japan International Cooperation Agency for funding of High Speed corridor between Mumbai-Ahmedabad.
7. Railways have awarded setting up of Diesel Locomotives and Electric Locomotive factories at Marhowra and Madhepura respectively to M/s General Electric Ltd. and M/s Alstom Ltd.
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High speed trains

1090. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways plan to introduce high-speed trains on certain lines;
- (b) if so, the details of the lines chosen;
- (c) the cost of the projects, project-wise; and
- (d) how does Railways plan to finance these projects, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MANOJ SINHA): (a) and (b) It has been decided to implement Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Rail Project with financial and technical assistance from Government of Japan.

(c) The total cost of Mumbai-Ahmedabad high speed rail project is estimated to be approximately ₹ 97,636 crore.

(d) Government of Japan has agreed to provide loan of approximately 81% of total project cost at 0.1% per annum interest for 50 years with 15 years moratorium with the balance being funded through equity from Ministry of Railways and concerned State Governments.

Setting up of Centres for Railway Research

1091. DR. PRADEEP KUMAR BALMUCHU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railways are planning to set up Centres for Railway Research in collaboration with IITs all over the country, if so, the details thereof; and