

Railway zones and divisions in the country

†779. SHRI MAHENDRA SINGH MAHRA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of Railway Zones/Divisions in the country at present along with their names and headquarters;
- (b) whether some States have been kept under more than one Railway Zone and Division, if so, the reasons therefor;
- (c) whether the people's representatives of Uttarakhand have requested to keep the complete State under the Northern Railway; and
- (d) if so, the reasons for not taking action on the said request so far?

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

Sl. No.	Railway zones	Headquarter	Divisions
1.	Central Railway	Mumbai	Mumbai (CST), Bhusawal, Nagpur, Solapur, Pune.
2.	Eastern Railway	Kolkata	Asansol, Howrah, Malda, Sealdah.
3.	East Central Railway	Hajipur	Danapur, Dhanbad, Mughalsarai, Samastipur, Sonpur.
4.	East Coast Railway	Bhubaneswar	Khurda Road, Sambalpur, Waltair.
5.	Northern Railway	New Delhi	Ambala, Delhi, Lucknow, Moradabad, Ferozpur.
6.	North Central Railway	Allahabad	Allahabad, Agra, Jhansi.
7.	North Eastern Railway	Gorakhpur	Lucknow, Izzatnager, Varanasi.
8.	Northeast Frontier Railway		Guwahati Katihar, Alipurduar, Rangiya, Luming, Tinsukia.
9.	North Western Railway	Jaipur	Ajmer, Bikaner, Jaipur, Jodhpur.
10.	Southern Railway	Chennai	Chennai, Madurai, Palghat, Trichy, Trivandrum, Salem.

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11.	South Central Railway	Secunderabad	Guntakal, Guntur, Hyderabad, Nanded, Secunderabad, Vijayawada.
12.	South Eastern Railway	Kolkata	Adra, Chakradharpur, Kharagpur, Ranchi.
13.	South East Central Railway	Bilaspur	Bilaspur, Nagpur, Raipur
14.	South Western Railway	Hubli	Bangalore, Hubli, Mysore
15.	Western Railway	Mumbai	Mumbai (Central), Vadodara, Ratlam, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhavnagar.
16.	West Central Railway	Jabalpur	Bhopal, Jabalpur, Kota.
17.	Metro Railway	Kolkata	Not applicable.

(b) Yes, Sir. Zonal and Divisional boundaries are decided by operational/administrative requirements and not on considerations of State boundaries and as such there are some States which have railway lines under jurisdictional control of more than one Zonal Railway/Division.

(c) and (d) Requests for keeping Uttarakhand under one railway zone have been received from time to time from various fora. The jurisdiction of a Zone/Division is decided on the basis of operational/administrative requirements, without any regional considerations, keeping in view the geographical contiguity of the divisions forming a zone, smooth movement of traffic with optimal control, for improving the efficiency of the system. The suggestion to place all railway lines in Uttarakhand under one railway zone, when examined in the light of above, has not been found feasible.

Measures for timely running and safety of trains

†780. DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state the details of special measures taken for timely running, protection and safety of trains during the last three years, *i.e.* 2014, 2015 and 2016 along with the outcomes thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN): It has been the constant endeavour of Indian Railways (IR) to take short

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