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15.	Western Railway	Mumbai(Central), Vadodara, Ratlam, Ahmedabad, Rajkot, Bhavnagar	63,894.44
16.	West Central Railway	Bhopal, Jabalpur, Kota.	55,048.76
17.	Metro Railway	-	1,060.74
TOTAL			854,968.13

Installation of solar panels on unused Southern Railway land

94. DR. R. LAKSHMANAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has identified unutilized Railway land under Southern Railway (SR) to install solar panels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has fixed any target in terms of mega watt to generate power under this system;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However proposal to use Railway lands for generation of New and Renewable Energy is under consideration.

(c) and (d) Indian Railways has planned to set up 500 Mega Watt (MW) of land based solar plants. Out of the above, total 3 MW land based solar plant at Modern Coach Factory, Rae-Bareilly, has already been set up.

Other details of land based solar plants decided so far for installation over unutilized Railway land are as below:—

(i) Chhattisgarh - 50 Mega Watt (MW) at Bhilai.

(ii) Haryana - 2 MW at Diwana (near Panipat), in Delhi - NCR area.

(iii) Madhya Pradesh - 1.7 MW at Sukhi-Sewania.

- (e) Does not arise.

**Setting up new RRB in Railway Zone Headquarter
at Visakhapatnam**

95. SHRI V. VIJAYASAI REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken/proposed to be taken to set up new Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) in the proposed new Railway Zone headquartered at Visakhapatnam;

(b) whether it is a fact that by convention zone headquarters are always set up in the division and due to removing Waltair Division, all proposals from this region would have to go to Vijayawada Division, thereby creating unnecessary delay and other problems;

(c) if so, would the Ministry consider keeping Waltair Division as it is; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL): (a) Indian Railways is an organization having pan India character. Presently, there are 21 Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) across the country for catering to the recruitment requirements of various categories of Group 'C' posts of Zonal Railway(s)/Production Unit(s). The RRBs have been established based on territorial jurisdiction of the Indian Railways and not on the basis of State(s), Zone(s)/Region(s). Candidates are free to apply to any RRB throughout the country in response to the advertisements. RRBs do not make any distinction on the basis of State(s), Region(s)/Area(s)/Locality, Caste(s), Gender(s) or Creed(s). Visakhapatnam area is catered adequately by RRB/Secunderabad.

(b) to (d) It is not a convention that the place having zonal head quarter must also have a divisional headquarter. For example, Zonal Headquarters of Northeast Frontier Railway (Maligaon), South Eastern Railway (Kolkata), East Coastal Railway (Bhubaneswar), North Eastern Railway (Gorakhpur) and East Central Railway (Hajipur) do not have respective Divisional Headquarters. The decision of the Ministry of Railways, for setting up a new Zone with headquarter at Visakhapatnam, has been taken after due consideration taking all relevant factors into account. All administrative issues arising out of this reorganization will be dealt with in due course in order to ensure smooth functioning of the new zone.