

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.247
ANSWERED ON 25.03.2022

SEPARATE RAILWAY ZONE FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION

247 SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways received a proposal for creation of a separate Zone for North Eastern Region, i.e., eight States;
- (b) whether the Railways is considering the creation of the new Railway Zone by the next financial year; and
- (c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.247 BY SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 25.03.2022 REGARDING SEPARATE RAILWAY ZONE FOR NORTH EASTERN REGION

(a) to (c): Zones on Indian Railways are set up keeping in view factors like size, workload, accessibilities, traffic pattern and other operating / administrative requirements etc. consistent with the needs of economy and efficiency. The Zones on Indian Railways are not based on the State / District boundaries or on regional consideration.

Requests have been received from public representatives in the past for creation of a new Railway Zone exclusively for North Eastern Region. These have been examined by Senior Administrative Grade level Committees set up in 2012 and 2017. Both these Committees did not find the request viable on operational and administrative grounds.

A Railway Zone viz. Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) with Headquarter at Maligaon, Guwahati already exists, to cater to the needs of North Eastern Region.

Further, a separate construction organization headed by a General Manager, focussed exclusively on North Eastern Region railway projects also exists with Headquarter office at Maligaon, Guwahati
