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Indian Railways is one of the largest railway networks in the world and is administered by the Indian Railways. For administrative convenience, the railway network is divided into different **Railway Zones**, each headed by a **General Manager (GM)**. Each zone is further divided into **Railway Divisions** headed by a **Divisional Railway Manager (DRM)**.

Overview

Key Facts

- Total Railway Zones: **18**
- Total Railway Divisions: **70**
- Railway Network Length: Over **68,000 Route Kilometres**
- Railway Stations: More than **7,000**
- First Railway Zone: **Southern Railway (1951)**
- Headquarters of Indian Railways: New Delhi
- Largest Employer in India after the Armed Forces and Government Departments

Railway Zones, Headquarters and Divisions

S.N	Railway Zone	Headquarters	Divisions
1	Central Railway (CR)	Mumbai	Mumbai, Nagpur, Bhusawal, Pune, Solapur
2	Eastern Railway (ER)	Kolkata	Howrah, Sealdah, Malda, Asansol
3	East Central Railway (ECR)	Hajipur	Danapur, DDU (Mughalsarai), Dhanbad, Sonpur, Samastipur
4	East Coast Railway (ECoR)	Bhubaneswar	Khurda Road, Waltair, Sambalpur
5	Northern Railway (NR)	New Delhi (Baroda House)	Delhi, Ambala, Moradabad, Lucknow, Firozpur
6	North Central Railway (NCR)	Prayagraj	Prayagraj, Jhansi, Agra
7	North Eastern Railway (NER)	Gorakhpur	Izzatnagar, Lucknow, Varanasi
8	Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR)	Maligaon (Guwahati)	Katihar, Alipurduar, Rangiya, Lumding, Tinsukia
9	North Western Railway (NWR)	Jaipur	Jaipur, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Ajmer
10	Southern Railway (SR)	Chennai	Chennai, Madurai, Palakkad, Tiruchirappalli, Thiruvananthapuram
11	South Central Railway (SCR)	Secunderabad	Secunderabad, Hyderabad, Guntakal, Vijayawada, Nanded
12	South Eastern Railway (SER)	Garden Reach (Kolkata)	Kharagpur, Adra, Chakradharpur, Ranchi



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13	South East Central Railway (SECR)	Bilaspur	Bilaspur, Nagpur, Raipur
14	South Western Railway (SWR)	Hubballi	Bengaluru, Mysuru, Hubballi
15	Western Railway (WR)	Mumbai (Churchgate)	Mumbai Central, Vadodara, Ahmedabad, Ratlam, Rajkot, Bhavnagar
16	West Central Railway (WCR)	Jabalpur	Jabalpur, Bhopal, Kota

Additional Railway Zones

Indian Railways presently has **18 Railway Zones**.

Railway Zone	Headquarters
South Coast Railway (SCoR)	Visakhapatnam
Metro Railway	Kolkata

Exam-Trap Points

- Largest Railway Zone by Route Length**
 - Northern Railway
- Headquarters of Southern Railway**
 - Chennai
- Headquarters of South-Central Railway**
 - Secunderabad
- Headquarters of East Central Railway**
 - Hajipur
- Headquarters of Northeast Frontier**

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- Maligaon (Guwahati)
- Headquarters of Western Railway**
 - Churchgate, Mumbai
 - Headquarters of North Western Railway**
 - Jaipur
 - Headquarters of South East Central Railway**
 - Bilaspur

PREVIOUS YEAR QUESTIONS

- The Headquarters of Eastern Railway Zone of Indian Railway is located at _____.
 - Bhubaneswar
 - Kolkata
 - Hajipur
 - Guwahati
- Which one of the following States does NOT have the Headquarters of any Railway Zone?
 - Jharkhand
 - Chhattisgarh
 - Odisha
 - Bihar



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