GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 616
ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021

LOSS OF LIVES OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES DUE TO COVID-19

616. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that around 2,000 employees of the Railways have lost their lives to COVID-19 since March last year;

(b) if so, the total financial assistance that has been provided to the families of the deceased employees;

(c) whether the Ministry has any plans to provide jobs to the family members of the deceased;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) how many employees of the Railways are yet to be fully vaccinated; and

(f) the steps being taken by the Ministry to ensure speedy vaccination of 100 per cent staff of Indian Railways?

ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 616 BY SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE ANSWERED ON 23.07.2021 IN RAJYA SABHA REGARDING LOSS OF LIVES OF RAILWAY EMPLOYEES DUE TO COVID-19

(a): Yes, Sir. 2903 Railway employees have reportedly lost their lives due to COVID-19.

(b): Settlement dues have been paid to the families of the deceased Railway employees in 2782 cases.

(c) & (d): Indian Railways have a policy for giving appointment on compassionate ground to dependents of Railway Servants who lose their lives in the course of duty or die in harness or are medically incapacitated. Dependents of family members of Railway employees who lost their life to COVID-19 are covered under the scheme of compassionate ground appointment. Out of a total of 2903 cases of deaths due COVID-19, compassionate appointment has been provided in 1732 cases.

(e): Of the total, 8,63,868 Railway employees have been given 1st dose and 2,34,184 employees have been given 2nd dose of vaccine.

(f): Sufficient number of vaccination centres have been established and staff has been deployed for vaccination drive in Railways. Every effort is being made to vaccinate all the Railway employees at the earliest subject to availability of vaccine doses and willingness of the employees to get vaccinated.

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