

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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RBSS OFFICERS WORKING ON ADHOC BASIS

2045. SHRI A. A. RAHIM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it a fact that officers in the Railway Board Secretariat Service cadre are working on ad-hoc basis for years on end;
- (b) total number of officers promoted on ad-hoc basis during last five years, the details thereof, year-wise;
- (c) reasons for not regularising such ad-hoc promotions for such an inordinately long period of time;
- (d) whether any officers were given two ad-hoc promotions;
- (e) if so, whether such multiple ad-hoc promotions tantamount to the violation of extant guidelines and norms;
- (f) if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor; and
- (g) details of action being taken to regularise the ad-hoc promotions?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): The seniority of Section Officers' grade of RBSS, has been revised from 1970 to 2004, in compliance of Hon'ble CAT/New Delhi's order dated 31.05.2016, in OAs No. 591/2009 and 2981/2009. Review DPCs for the regular panels of Grade-I(Under Secretary/Deputy Director) of RBSS are to be convened, based on this revised seniority, in consultation with Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), upto the year 2010 (i.e. the year upto which the regular panels were earlier framed). All promotions in other higher grades of RBSS are also to be reviewed/made, accordingly. Unless, this exercise is completed, the regular panels of the subsequent years can not be framed.

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In the above context, opinions of Department of Legal Affairs and DOP&T were taken and sent to UPSC.

In the meantime, vacancies in the various grades of RBSS, have been filled up on ad-hoc/provisional basis, as it is not in administrative interest to keep a large number of vacancies unfilled for a long period and given the peculiar situation in the cadre.

So far as the regular panels for Section Officers' and Assistant Section Officers' Grade of RBSS are concerned, it is stated that the same have been prepared upto the vacancy year 2017 i.e. the year upto which UPSC has finalised Limited Departmental Competitive Examination (LDCE) for SO Grade.
