

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.2070**  
**ANSWERED ON 17.03.2023**

**GAZETTED OFFICERS WORKING IN RAILWAY BOARD ON ADHOC BASIS**

2070. SHRI IMRAN PRATAPGARHI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that a number of Railway Board Secretariat Service(RBSS) gazetted officers are working in Railway Board on ad hoc basis since long;
- (b) number of such officers grade-wise and the period of such adhoc working in each grade;
- (c) target date for regularisation of such ad hoc promotions;
- (d) whether it is a fact that the cadre restructuring proposal of the RBSS cadre is to be submitted to DOPT once every five years; and
- (e) if so, the position of the latest cadre restructuring of RBSS?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (c): 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.

Keeping in view the functional requirement and given the peculiar situation in the cadre, vacancies in the various grades of RBSS, have been filled up on ad-hoc/provisional basis, in the past few years. The details of such officers working on adhoc/provisional basis, in the cadre, in various Gazetted grades of RBSS, from various periods, are as under:

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Grade	Number of officers working on adhoc/provisional basis
Senior Administrative Grade	08
Senior Selection Grade	21
Selection Grade	41
Grade-I(Under Secretary/Deputy Director)	137
Section Officers' Grade	157

(d) & (e): While approving the last cadre restructuring of Railway Board Secretariat Service(RBSS) in July, 2016, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance has advised to initiate the next cadre review only after next 5 years i.e. 2021. A SAG level officers' Committee has already been constituted to give their recommendations on the issue of 3<sup>rd</sup> Cadre Restructuring of RBSS.

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