

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 298
ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023

STAFF SHORTAGE IN RAILWAYS

298 SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Railways is reeling under a crushing staff shortage with 3.12 lakh non-gazette posts lying vacant across the country, spread across 18 zones, as on December 1, 2022;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) if not, the number of non-gazette posts lying vacant across the country, zone-wise;
- (d) whether it is also a fact that the inability to fill posts has led to employees working over-time up to 16 hours at a stretch; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 298 BY SHRI PRAMOD TIWARI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 03.02.2023 REGARDING STAFF SHORTAGE IN RAILWAYS.

(a) to (c) : The details of non-gazetted vacant posts in Railways, zone-wise as on 01.12.2022 are as under:

| Zone wise non-gazetted vacancy position in Indian Railways as on 01.12.2022 | |
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| Zones | Vacancies |
| Central | 28606 |
| East Coast | 8278 |
| East Central | 14439 |
| Eastern | 30327 |
| Metro | 1069 |
| North Central | 18383 |
| North Eastern | 14118 |
| Northeast Frontier | 15705 |
| Northern | 38967 |
| North Western | 15207 |
| South Central | 16947 |
| South East Central | 8025 |
| South Eastern | 17661 |
| Southern | 22357 |
| South Western | 6581 |
| West Central | 11636 |
| Western | 30667 |
| Total | 298973 |

Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and the same is filled by placement of indents by Railways with recruitment agencies as per operational requirements periodically. Recruitment process against earlier notifications for 1,39,050 vacancies of Group C (including Level-1) is under finalization.

(d) : No, Sir.

(e): Does not arise.
