

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.302**  
**ANSWERED ON 03.02.2023**

**VACANT AND SANCTIONED POSTS IN INDIAN RAILWAYS**

302. SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of gazetted and non-gazetted posts currently vacant and sanctioned in the Indian Railways, zone-wise;
- (b) the details of the number of contract workers hired by Indian Railways in the last five years, year-wise;
- (c) whether the number of contract workers in Indian Railways increased in the last few years;
- (d) the details of the number of vacancies filled in the last five years, year-wise and zone-wise;
- (e) whether Railways have any plan to fill all such vacancies on a priority basis;
- (f) if so, the details thereof; and
- (g) if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS  
AND ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY OF PARTS (a) to (g) of UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.302 BY SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 03.02.2023 REGARDING VACANT AND SANCTIONED POSTS IN INDIAN RAILWAYS**

(a): The number of gazetted and non-gazetted posts currently vacant and sanctioned in the Indian Railways, zone-wise;

Zonal Railways	Sanctioned Strength		Vacant Posts	
	Gazetted	Non Gazetted	Gazetted	Non Gazetted
Central	1169	119480	190	28686
East Coast	680	55619	95	8288
East Central	1036	92965	189	14453
Eastern	1164	129445	208	30527
Metro	115	5139	29	1080
North Central	792	82816	156	18535
North Eastern	719	59961	80	14151
Northeast Frontier	1051	72047	172	15985
Northern	1611	166462	167	39059
North Western	855	59974	131	15184
South Central	1069	93639	65	16829
South East Central	600	54488	84	8026
South Eastern	937	96582	150	17811
Southern	1171	98234	154	22227
South Western	589	41866	58	6638
West Central	665	63593	85	11473
Western	1300	115492	270	30515
Production Units and other Units	3310	66469	602	12572
<b>Total</b>	<b>18833</b>	<b>1474271</b>	<b>2885</b>	<b>312039</b>

(b)&(c): The details of the number of contract workers hired by Zonal Railways/PUs in the last five years, year-wise(showing increase and decrease) is as under:-

<b>Number of Contractual Medical Practitioners (CMPs) engaged during last 5 years in Zonal Railways and Production Units.</b>				
<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
428	424	520	594	499

<b>Other Contractual Workers</b>				
<b>2017-18</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>
4903	11302	12622	4079	8823

(d): the details of the number of vacancies filled in the last 5 years, year-wise and zone-wise are as under :-

Details of number of gazetted vacancies (except Indian Railway Health Services) filled in the last 5 years in Junior Time Scale Group. 'A' through Civil Services Examination (CSE) and Engineering Services Examination (ESE) (discontinued w.e.f. recruitment year 2020) are as under. Vacancies are filled recruitment year wise and not zone wise.

<b>Exam Year</b>	<b>Vacancies filled through Union Public Service Commission (Civil Services Examination &amp; Engineering Services Examination)</b>
2018	341
2019	416
2020	12 <sup>#</sup>
2021	06*
2022	@

# Consequent upon Government's decision to unify eight Organised Group 'A' Railway Services into Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS), indents for Engineering Services Examination 2020 & Civil Services Examination 2020 (except Indian Railway Protection Force Service) have been withdrawn. Recruitment to only Indian Railway Protection Force Service was done through CSE-2020

\* More candidates are likely to be recommended by Department of Personnel & Training in next iterations for recruitment to Indian Railway Protection Force Service on the basis of Civil Services Examination-2021.

@ Indent of 167 vacancies has been placed for recruitment to Indian Railway Management Services and to Indian Railway Protection Force Service through Civil Services Examination-2022. However, final results are yet to be declared

The details of recruitment in Indian Railway Health Service (gazetted) in last five years are as follows:-

<b>Post</b>	<b>Exam Year</b>	<b>Indent placed on Union Public Service Commission</b>	<b>No. of candidates recommended</b>	<b>No. of candidates Joined as Assistant Divisional Medical Officers in Indian Railway Health Service</b>
Assistant Divisional Medical Officer through Combined Medical Services Examination	2017	450	450	152*
	2018	300	295	058*
	2019	300	298	065*
	2020	300	295	054*
	2021	300	Allocation of candidates to Indian Railway Health Service by Ministry of Health & Family Welfare is awaited	
Divisional Medical Officer direct recruit	2018 (Advertisement Year)	32	27	16
Senior Divisional Medical Officer direct recruit	2019 (Advertisement Year)	41	24	11

\*More candidates are likely to join through revival mode after passing Post Graduation examination as per instructions of Union Public Service Commission and Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Details of non gazetted vacancies filled during the last 5 years are as under :-

Railway Recruitment Board (RRB)	Candidates empanelled for various Group 'C' posts (excluding Level 1)					
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023*
Ahmedabad	887	31	1317	45	57	482
Ajmer	1013	26	3684	50	51	1099
Allahabad	3207	333	8570	50	632	1972
Bangalore	597	19	3938	36	63	1415
Bhopal	1230	56	3194	4	104	914
Bhubaneswar	704	90	2821	2	148	1008
Bilaspur	319	75	2709	4	192	866
Chandigarh	340	2	5003	29	197	1026
Chennai	625	24	4797	179	12	2077

Gorakhpur	393	10	1906	1350	89	340
Guwahati	527	30	1774	2	47	599
Jammu	180	84	1282	10	0	542
Kolkata	1278	271	6755	30	256	1993
Malda	280	34	1867	173	74	475
Mumbai	3723	40	6899	37	805	1765
Muzaffarpur	290	3	1006	2	7	166
Patna	872	106	1396	17	19	436
Ranchi	363	434	4514	0	0	1246
Secunderabad	1602	20	6180	101	396	2317
Siliguri	264	39	957	0	0	421
Thiruvananthapuram	406	0	556	2	39	510
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>19100</b>	<b>1727</b>	<b>71125</b>	<b>2123</b>	<b>3188</b>	<b>21669</b>

\* Provisional

<b>Zone-wise detail of candidates empanelled for Group-C posts in Railway Protection Force/Railway Protection Special Force in the last 05 years</b>								
<b>Year</b>		<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>			<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Empanelled Candidates</b>		-	<b>1121</b>	<b>8543</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>108*</b>	-	-
<b>S. No.</b>	<b>Zone</b>	-	<b>Sub Inspector (Executive)</b>	<b>Constable (Executive)</b>	<b>Constable (Ancillary)</b>	<b>Constable (Band)</b>	-	-
<b>1</b>	<b>CR</b>	NIL	70	526	24	5	NIL	NIL
<b>2</b>	<b>ER</b>		173	926	82	1		
<b>3</b>	<b>ECR</b>		71	272	94	0		
<b>4</b>	<b>ECoR</b>		49	168	17	5		
<b>5</b>	<b>NR</b>		139	1288	49	19		
<b>6</b>	<b>NCR</b>		26	318	10	0		
<b>7</b>	<b>NER</b>		41	259	35	13		
<b>8</b>	<b>NFR</b>		42	299	33	2		
<b>9</b>	<b>NWR</b>		36	187	16	3		
<b>10</b>	<b>SR</b>		81	694	13	6		
<b>11</b>	<b>SCR</b>		59	797	17	1		
<b>12</b>	<b>SER</b>		106	1296	78	14		
<b>13</b>	<b>SECR</b>		18	149	11	7		
<b>14</b>	<b>SWR</b>		38	239	5	7		
<b>15</b>	<b>WR</b>		92	426	48	5		

<b>16</b>	<b>WCR</b>		20	38	6	0		
<b>17</b>	<b>RPSF</b>		60	661	258	5		
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>NIL</b>	<b>1121</b>	<b>8543</b>	<b>796</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>NIL</b>	<b>NIL</b>

\* Out of empanelled 108 Constable (Band) in the year 2020, 93 candidates have been allotted to the Zonal Railways. Rest candidates have not been allotted Zonal Railways due to Medical unfit, absconded from Medical etc.

<b>Empanelment Data against Level-1 posts (erstwhile Group 'D' Year wise and Zone-wise</b>					
<b>Railways</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>	<b>2020-21</b>	<b>2021-22</b>	<b>2022-23</b>
<b>CR</b>	2	4110	93	182	174
<b>ECOR</b>	6	1500	7	0	0
<b>ECR</b>	56	5393	341	79	22
<b>ER</b>	3003	2079	30	38	0
<b>NCR</b>	159	3501	659	237	176
<b>NER</b>	0	3206	60	0	3
<b>NFR</b>	0	2115	347	70	23
<b>NR</b>	16	6666	629	170	128
<b>NWR</b>	8	4127	396	117	1
<b>SCR</b>	0	5674	359	253	173
<b>SECR</b>	82	1066	13	68	8
<b>SER</b>	696	2256	30	23	84
<b>SR</b>	243	2871	30	16	2
<b>SWR</b>	495	2564	0	0	0
<b>WCR</b>	0	3206	79	130	32
<b>WR</b>	0	5608	254	41	5
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4766</b>	<b>55942</b>	<b>3327</b>	<b>1424</b>	<b>831</b>

(e) to (g) : 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. During the process, vacancies may arise and these are filled subsequently.

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