

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3488**  
**ANSWERED ON 31.03.2023**

**BACKLOG VACANCIES OF SC, ST AND OBC CATEGORIES IN RAILWAYS**

3488. SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of staff employed in Group A, B and C posts and the vacancies in different categories in Railways;
- (b) the details of backlog vacancies in SC, ST and OBC categories;
- (c) the details of the action plan to fill up backlog and regular vacancies to prevent train accidents from happening frequently and to run railways smoothly; and
- (d) the details of the number of employees who retired from Railways and the number of newly recruited employees during the last three years?

**ANSWER**

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

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.3488 BY SMT. PHULO DEVI NETAM ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 31.03.2023 REGARDING BACKLOG VACANCIES OF SC, ST AND OBC CATEGORIES IN RAILWAYS**

(a): The total number of staff employed in Group A, B and C posts and vacancies in Railways as on 01.01.2023 is as under:-

Group	On Roll	Vacancies
Group A	11138	2015
Group B	4810	870
Group C (including erstwhile Group D)	1159977	312895
Total	1175925	315780

(b): The details of backlog vacancies in SC, ST and OBC categories as on 01.01.2023 are as under:-

SC - 6112

ST - 5131

OBC – 7427

(c): Since the year 2010, recruitment process in Railways is being done regularly through authorized recruiting agencies namely Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and Railways Recruitment Cells (RRCs). Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The vacancies are filled as per laid down procedure by placement of indents by Railways as per operational requirements. During the process itself, vacancies may arise and these are filled subsequently. The shortfall or backlog vacancies of SCs, STs and OBCs left unfilled are taken care of in the subsequent recruitment cycle. Now, Railways are having on-line recruitment. Hence the process of recruitments is expedited.

The total of 1,03,769 vacancies (including 15559 SCs, 7984 STs and 27378 OBCs) have been notified for Pay Level-1 recruitment vide Centralized Employment Notification CEN RRC-01/2019 and a total of 35281 vacancies (including 5130 SCs, 2773 STs and 8717 OBCs) have been notified for Pay Level-2 to Level-7 against CEN RRB-01/2019. The empanelment of the same has been started.

(d) : The number of retired and newly recruited employees during the last three years are as under:

Year	Retired Employees	Newly Recruited Employees
2019-20	50051	137632
2020-21	46988	5744
2021-22	44847	4666

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