

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 93
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS

*93 SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as on June 2023, 2.74 lakh Group C posts were lying vacant in Railways, of which 1.7 lakh were in the safety category; and
- (b) if so, the steps taken by Government to fill-up the vacancies in the wake of recent accidents and joblessness in the country?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) AND (b) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 93 BY SHRI SANJEEV ARORA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 28.07.2023 REGARDING VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS

(a) & (b) Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are continuous process on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. The vacancies are filled up primarily by placement of indents by Railways with Recruitment agencies as per operational requirements.

While 411624 candidates were empanelled during the period 2004-2014 for appointment in Indian Railways, 486031* candidates have been empanelled in the nine year period from 01.04.2014 to 30.06.2023. Out of the total vacancies of 2,61,233 as on 01.07.2023, the vacancies of Operational Safety categories are 53,178.

A massive recruitment exercise has been completed recently for empanelling 1,39,050 candidates by conducting Computer Based Test (CBT) of approximately 2.37 crore candidates.

CBT for Centralized Employment Notification (CEN) 01/2019 for Non-Technical Popular Categories (NTPC) was conducted for 1.26 crore candidates in 133 shifts in 68 days across 211 cities and 726 centres in 15 languages. Similarly, CBT for CEN-RRC 01/2019 (Level-1) was conducted for 1.11 crore candidates in 99 shifts in 33 days across 191 cities and 551 centres in 15 languages. These flawless processes were carried out with absolute fairness and transparency, bringing to a stage of adding substantially to the Operational Safety categories on Indian Railways

* Provisional
