

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1096
ANSWERED ON 28.07.2023

CAG REPORT ON DERAILMENTS

1096 SHRI SANJEEV ARORA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that as per Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) reports maintenance activities managed by Indian Railways was severely impacted due to inadequate staffing in safety category;
- (b) the reasons for under-utilization of Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh funds earmarked for rail safety since its inception 2017-18; and
- (c) the corrective steps taken by Government in this regard?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1096 BY SHRI SANJEEV ARORA ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 28.07.2023 REGARDING CAG REPORT ON DERAILEMENTS

(a) to (c): Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are continuous process on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. 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. This exercise has added substantially to the safety category manpower on Indian Railways.

Rashtriya Rail Sanraksha Kosh (RRSK) was created in 2017-18 for execution of assessed safety works with a corpus of Rs. 1 lakh crore over a period of five years. RRSK works are to be funded from Gross Budgetary Support and Railway revenues/resources; including mobilization of resources through Extra Budgetary Resources (EBR), as per Ministry of Finance guidelines. From 2017-18 till 2021-22, despite the pandemic and other recessionary conditions, a gross expenditure of Rs 1.08 lakh crore was incurred on RRSK works by deploying EBR funds, internal resources and increased GBS support of Rs. 25000 crore in 2021-22.
