

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1903
ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023

VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS

1903 DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government acknowledges that 2.74 lakh posts are lying vacant in Railways, if so, the details thereof;
- (b) the steps that are being taken by Government for the speedy recruitment of individuals to the concerned posts;
- (c) whether Government acknowledges that there have been several instances of delay in the announcement of the results of Railway exams for various categories by the Railway Board; and
- (d) the details regarding the number of officers who have been sacked for either non-performing or engaging in corruption during the last two 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.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1903 BY DR. ASHOK KUMAR MITTAL ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2023 REGARDING VACANCIES 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.

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.

During period from 01.04.2022 till 30.06.2023, 1,36,773 candidates have been empanelled against various Group 'C' post (including Level 1). This includes 1,11,728* safety category posts.

Direct recruitment to Group 'A' Services on Indian Railways is mainly done by UPSC. Indent is placed on UPSC and DoPT.

The vacancies as on 01.07.2023 are 2680 (Gazetted) and 261233 (Non-gazetted).

(c) : The Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) exams are held over a long period of time spread over multiple centers and sessions. However, all efforts are made to declare the results at the earliest possible after conclusion of the tests. There have been no instances of delay in announcement of RRB results.

(d) : The number of officers (Group 'A' & 'B') retired prematurely after review of their service under rule 1802 of Indian Railway Establishment Code (IREC) during the year 2021, 2022 & 2023 (till now) is 14 , 25 & 03 respectively.

* Provisional
