

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1904**  
**ANSWERED ON 04.08.2023**

**FILLING UP OF VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

1904 SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vacancies in the Indian Railways in the last three years, zone-wise;
- (b) the reasons for the high number of vacancies;
- (c) whether Government has taken any concrete steps towards timely filling up of these vacancies;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, including the number of vacancies filled up in the last three years and if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has formulated any policy roadmap or strategy for ensuring time-bound filling up of vacancies; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

**ANSWER**

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND  
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1904 BY SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2023 REGARDING FILLING UP OF VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

(a) : The detail of vacancies in Indian Railways in last three years, zone-wise is appended.

(b) to (f) : Indian Railways is a large organisation. 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.

Regarding Group 'C' (Including Level-1) posts, 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.

The details of candidates empanelled to Group 'C' posts (including Level-1) in last three years are as under:

Year	Candidates Empanelled
2021-22	4,612
2022-23	85,888
2023-24 (upto June,2023)	50,885

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

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**APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1904 BY SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 04.08.2023 REGARDING FILLING UP OF VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

Zonal Railway	Year (as on)		
	01.04.2021	01.04.2022	01.07.2023
Central	26749	27803	25384
East Coast	8668	8304	8208
East Central	16779	15906	12999
Eastern	26671	29624	30085
Metro	815	928	1030
North Central	19105	19032	16097
North Eastern	14221	13909	12909
Northeast Frontier	15817	15768	12536
Northern	37859	38367	32636
North Western	15328	14950	9921
South Central	15506	16167	10425
South East Central	8856	9266	7879
South Eastern	15861	17450	13604
Southern	17909	20613	15361
South Western	5617	6142	4899
West Central	10352	11146	11215
Western	24969	26956	25789