

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2667**  
**ANSWERED ON 11.08.2023**

**FILLING UP OF VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS**

2667# SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vacant posts filled up by Indian Railways in the last five years, zone-wise details thereof;
- (b) total posts lying vacant in Indian Railways, zone-wise details thereof; and
- (c) steps taken by Government to fill up these vacant posts?

**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.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2667 BY SHRI DHIRAJ PRASAD SAHU ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 11.08.2023 REGARDING FILLING UP OF VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS**

(a) to (c): Direct Recruitment Quota vacancies for various Group ‘C’ posts, Level 1 posts and Security related posts are filled by Indian Railways through Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and Zonal Railways. During 2018-2019 to 2023-2024 (upto 30.06.2023), zone-wise details for candidates empanelled/ recruited by Indian Railways are as under:

Name of RRB	Candidates empanelled/ recruited by RRBs	Name of Zonal Railway	Candidates empanelled/ recruited# (including Level 1 & RPF*/ RPSF**)
Ahmedabad	2683	Central	13337
Ajmer	6799	East Central	9533
Allahabad	14851	East Coast	11677
Bangalore	6993	Eastern	6597
Bhopal	5443	North Central	9098
Bhubaneshwar	4327	North Eastern	7355
Bilaspur	4883	North Western	9530
Chandigarh	8236	Northeast Frontier	5548
Chennai	8416	Northern	19146
Gorakhpur	4507	South Central	15314
Guwahati	3242	South East Central	2878
Jammu	2459	South Eastern	8945
Kolkata	12609	South Western	9244
Malda	3717	Southern	12878
Mumbai	12689	West Central	6567
Muzaffarpur	1458	Western	15336
Patna	2766	RPSF	984
Ranchi	7457	Total#	163967
Secunderabad	11575		
Siliguri	1721		
Thiruvananthapuram	1518		
Total#	128349		

\*RPF- Railway Protection Force

\*\*RPSF- Railway Protection Special Force

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Candidates Empanelled/ recruited through RRBs	128349
Candidates Empanelled/ recruited through Zonal Railways	163967
Grand Total	292316

The zone-wise details of number of Non-gazetted Group 'C' (including Level- 1) vacancies as on 01.07.2023 is as under:

Name of Zonal Railway	Vacancy*
Central	25281
East Central	12812
East Coast	8114
Eastern	29869
Metro	993
North Central	15962
North Eastern	12830
Northeast Frontier	12365
Northern	32468
North Western	9813
South Central	10338
South East Central	7796
South Eastern	13432
Southern	15240
South Western	4843
West Central	11142
Western	25597
Production Units & other units	12338
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>261233</b>

\*Provisional.

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. During the process, vacancies may arise and these are filled subsequently.

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.

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