

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 278**  
**ANSWERED ON 21.07.2023**

**VACANCIES IN SPORTS QUOTA IN RAILWAYS**

278. SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government is aware of large scale vacancies under sports quota in Railways ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the number of vacancies at present;
- (c) whether the Ministry has taken any step to fill up these vacancies; and
- (d) 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 (d) A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 278 BY SHRI HARBHAJAN SINGH IN RAJYA SABHA ON 21.07.2023 REGARDING VACANCIES IN SPORTS QUOTA IN RAILWAYS.**

(a) to (d) Sportspersons in Indian Railways are recruited against the existing vacancies of various departments subject to fulfilment of minimum sports norms, educational qualification and prescribed age criteria. Maximum number of posts/berths, which can be filled by sportspersons in a financial year in Zonal Railways / Production Units, are as under :

<b>Railway / Unit etc.</b>	<b>Number of Berths</b>
Central, Eastern, East Central, East Coast, Northern, North Central, North Eastern, Northeast Frontier, North Western, Southern, South Central, South Eastern, South East Central, South Western, Western and West Central	40 (Each)
Banaras Locomotive Works, Chittaranjan Locomotive Works, Integral Coach Factory and Rail Coach Factory	30 (Each)
Patiala Locomotive Works, Rail Wheel Factory and Metro Railway	20 (Each)
Research Design and Standards Organization	18
Each Division of Zonal Railway	5
Workshops (Having the staff strength of 4000 or more)	3 (Each)

Sportspersons are recruited through Open Advertisement and Talent Scouting method subject to fulfilment of minimum sports norms, educational qualification and prescribed age criteria.

Following numbers of sportspersons have been recruited in last two years :

2021-22 - 301

2022-23 - 355

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