

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1556
ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023

FITNESS OF LOCOMOTIVE PILOTS

1556 SHRI BINOY VISWAM:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of locomotive pilots who have failed the alcohol test since 2019, year-wise and zone-wise;
- (b) number of crew and guard lobbies where proper facilities for alcohol tests are available;
- (c) the action taken against locomotive pilots who failed the test;
- (d) the expenditure incurred on the health, fitness and eyesight of locomotive pilots since 2019; and
- (e) programs and recreational activities arranged by the railways to keep locomotive pilots fit?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1556 BY SHRI BINOY VISWAM ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 15.12.2023 REGARDING FITNESS OF LOCOMOTIVE PILOTS.

(a) to (e) : In order to ensure safe train operation, Loco Pilots are required to undergo Breathalyser (BA) test in respective lobbies. In last five years, out of total number of 8,28,03,387 BA tests conducted, 1761 number of Loco Pilots have failed the test. Zone-wise, year-wise details of the same are given below:

Railway	BA tests during 2019 (Nos.)		BA tests during 2020 (Nos.)		BA tests during 2021 (Nos.)		BA tests during 2022 (Nos.)		BA tests during 2023 (Nos.)		Total BA tests in last 5 years (nos.)	
	Conducted	Failed	Conducted	Failed	Conducted	Failed	Conducted	Failed	Conducted	Failed	Conducted	Failed
Central	1683737	15	821928	8	1202022	2	1457011	12	1501310	19	6666008	56
Eastern	1075910	33	518680	17	882268	32	1013625	52	942990	64	4433473	198
East Central	1501178	74	791958	51	1429444	3	1842185	45	1741073	46	7305838	219
East Coast	1297111	1	618380	0	912688	1	1125580	5	1204619	12	5158378	19
Northern	2379615	183	1365822	106	1946155	30	2226193	115	2094671	87	10012456	521
North Central	1210465	3	701039	5	986022	1	1152210	7	1238187	13	5287923	29
North Eastern	663804	21	255365	17	417729	10	556103	14	515573	12	2408574	74
Northeast Frontier	628432	6	244838	5	433943	5	528178	8	532691	8	2368080	32
North Western	926085	24	469396	33	679629	14	740208	52	702424	39	3517742	162
Southern	1055062	4	322974	3	580694	0	818329	1	830579	4	3607638	12
South Central	2159289	16	1137268	3	1684976	6	1836721	33	1707734	15	8525988	73
South Eastern	1275732	0	720646	0	957536	2	1246647	10	1275416	6	5475977	18
South East Central	1039639	0	657195	2	689808	1	917068	2	1237855	10	4541565	15
South Western	737978	0	294931	0	450001	0	582814	13	582178	2	2647902	15
Western	1670428	48	699883	44	1198379	21	1482385	78	1328931	96	6380006	287
West Central	1133474	0	550125	4	846903	1	951726	7	983611	19	4465839	31
Total	20437939	428	10170428	298	15298197	129	18476983	454	18419840	452	82803387	1761

All crew and guard lobbies have facilities for BA test. Loco Pilots who have failed the test are not allowed to run the train and suitable disciplinary actions are taken as per laid down policies. The expenditure of approximately ₹ 15572 Crores have been incurred on medical services during 2019-20 to 2022-23 to entire Railway personnel which includes Loco Pilots also.

Refresher programs including recreational activities like sports, yoga, meditation are arranged in training schools for Loco Pilots. Facilities like yoga, meditation also exist in running rooms where Loco Pilots take rest at out stations.
