

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

**RAJYA SABHA**  
**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1567**  
**ANSWERED ON 15.12.2023**

**BREATHALYSER TESTS OF LOCO PILOTS**

1567 SHRI SUSHIL KUMAR MODI:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of loco pilots who failed breathalyser tests in last five years, zone-wise;
- (b) the systems of carrying routine breathalyzer test as a safety measure to prevent alcohol during duty hours;
- (c) number of loco pilots who failed breathalyser tests in passenger trains and goods trains in last five years?
- (d) number of pilots failed before signing in for work and after the shift; and
- (e) the disciplinary action that has been taken against such loco pilots?

**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.

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1567 BY SHRI SUHIL KUMAR MODI ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 15.12.2023 REGARDING BREATHALYSER TESTS OF LOCO 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, in which 674 number of passenger Loco Pilots and 1087 number of Goods Loco Pilots, have failed the 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. Zone-wise detail is given below:

<b>Railway</b>	<b>Details of BA test in last five years</b>	
	<b>Number of BA test conducted</b>	<b>Number of Loco Pilots who failed BA test</b>
Central	66,66,008	56
Eastern	44,33,473	198
East Central	73,05,838	219
East Coast	51,58,378	19
Northern	1,00,12,456	521
North Central	52,87,923	29
North Eastern	24,08,574	74
Northeast Frontier	23,68,080	32
North Western	35,17,742	162
Southern	36,07,638	12
South Central	85,25,988	73
South Eastern	54,75,977	18
South East Central	45,41,565	15
South Western	26,47,902	15
Western	63,80,006	287
West Central	44,65,839	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,28,03,387</b>	<b>1761</b>

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