

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.941
ANSWERED ON 09.02.2024

VACANCIES IN RESERVED POSTS IN RAILWAYS

941 SHRI M. SHANMUGAM:
SHRI VAIKO:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of vacancies in the various categories of posts reserved for OBCs, SCs and STs and PWDs (Person with different Abilities) in the various Railway Zones and in Railway Board, and its Undertakings in the last three years;
- (b) whether any review made to fill the reserved posts unfilled for a long time;
- (c) whether the Ministry has issued directions to various Railway Zones and their undertakings to fill all the reserved posts in a time-bound manner;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?

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. 941 BY SHRI M. SHANMUGAM AND SHRI VAIKO ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 09.02.2024 REGARDING VACANCIES IN RESERVED POSTS IN RAILWAYS

(a) to (e): Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The vacancies are filled as per laid down procedure by placement of indents by Railways as per operational requirements. During the process itself, vacancies may arise and these are filled subsequently. The shortfall or backlog vacancies of SCs, STs and OBCs left unfilled are taken care of in the subsequent recruitment cycle. Railways particularly monitors the position of filling up of vacancies of posts which are in the reserved categories.

The category wise details of empanelment of candidates for recruitment against Group A and various Group 'C' (including erstwhile Group 'D') posts for the last three years are as under:-

Year	Group	Number of Reserved community candidates empanelled for recruitment			
		SC	ST	OBC	PwBD
2020-2021	A	13	8	9	3
	C*	983	467	2074	149
2021-2022	A	28	11	44	7
	C*	754	411	1446	142
2022-2023	A	Under Process (Result Awaited)			
	C*	12257	6168	22322	1719

*(Including erstwhile Group 'D')

Note: There is no Direct Recruitment in Group 'B' posts.

Recruitment in Railways is done regularly through authorized recruiting agencies namely Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and Railway Recruitment Cells (RRCs).

Further, Centralized Employment Notification (CEN) has been issued recently by Railway Recruitment Boards notifying 804 vacancies of SC, 482 vacancies of ST and 1351 vacancies of OBC in category of Assistant Loco Pilots on Indian Railways.
