

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 574
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

SANCTIONED AND IN-POSITION POSTS IN INDIAN RAILWAYS

574. SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN :
SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of number of sanctioned and in-position posts in Indian Railways as on 1st July, 2024 in Group A, B, C and D, group-wise and zone-wise;
- (b) the details of number of vacancies in Railways under reserved categories of SC, ST, OBC and EWS etc. as on 1st July, 2024, category-wise and zone-wise ; and
- (c) the details of number of vacancies filled up in Indian Railways during 2023-24 and 2024-25, year-wise and zone-wise?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 574 BY SHRI JAVED ALI KHAN AND SHRI RAMJI LAL SUMAN ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING SANCTIONED AND IN-POSITION POSTS IN INDIAN RAILWAYS

(a) to (c) : Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are continuous process on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. Adequate and suitable manpower is provided to cater to the regular operations, changes in technology, mechanizations and innovative practices. The vacancies are filled up primarily by placement of indents by Railways with Recruitment agencies as per operational and technological requirements.

After easing of restrictions imposed on account of COVID 19, two major examinations involving more than 2.37 crore candidates have been conducted successfully.

Computer Based Test (CBT) exam for more than 1.26 crore candidates was conducted in 7 phases from 28.12.2020 to 31.07.2021 in 133 shifts in 68 days across 211 cities and 726 centres.

Similarly, CBT was conducted for more than 1.1 crore candidates in 5 phases from 17.08.2022 to 11.10.2022 in 99 shifts in 33 days across 191 cities and 551 centres.

Based on these exams, 1,30,581 candidates have been recruited in railways.

The RRB examinations are quite technical in nature entailing large scale mobilization of men and resources and training of manpower. Railway overcame all these challenges and successfully conducted the recruitment in a transparent manner following all laid down guidelines. No instance of paper leakage or similar malpractice has occurred during the entire process.

Recruitment done in Indian Railways during 2004-2014 vis-à-vis during 2014 - 2024 is given as under:

Period	Recruitments
2004-14	4.11 lakh
2014-24	5.02 lakh

Further, as system improvement, the Ministry of Railways has introduced a system of publishing annual calendar this year for recruitment to various categories of Group 'C' post. Accordingly, four Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 32,603 vacancies have been notified during January to March 2024 for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots, Technicians, Sub-Inspectors & Constables in Railway Protection Force (RPF). The introduction of annual calendar will benefit the aspirants in the following manner:

- More opportunities for candidates;
- Opportunities to those becoming eligible every year;
- Certainty of exams;
- Faster Recruitment process, Training and Appointments.

Similarly, in the Gazetted cadre, as compared to recruitment of 4988 number of officers during 2004-2013, 6599 number of officers, have been recruited in the Organised Services during 2014-2024. In addition, indent for 782 officers has been placed on UPSC for the year 2023 and 2024.

Moreover, every efforts are made to fill up the reserved vacancies by the candidates belonging to earmarked category along with the other candidates. Shortfall/Backlog of vacancies of SCs, STs, OBCs and EWS' remained unfilled, if any are taken care of and carried forward for filling up through subsequent recruitment cycle.

The number of SCs, STs, OBCs and PwBDs candidates empanelled/recruited in Indian Railways during the last three years is mentioned below:

Group	Year	Category			
		SC	ST	OBC	PwBD
A	2021	44	28	44	6
	2022	55	23	86	12
	2023	15	10	56	1
B	There is no direct recruitment in Group 'B'				
C (including erstwhile Group 'D')	2021-2022	625	356	1231	28#
	2022-2023	12170	6123	22174	58#
	2023-2024	10939	5687	18685	376#

#In addition, '1852' PwBD candidates have been empanelled for level 1 posts from 2021-2022 to 2023-2024.

Four Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 32,603 vacancies (4708-SCs, 2649-STs, 7979-OBCs and 11 PwBDs vacancies) have been notified for recruitment to various Group 'C' posts during January to March 2024.