

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593
ANSWERED ON 26.07.2024

VACANCIES IN NON-GAZETTED POSTS IN RAILWAYS

593 SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- a) the number of vacancies, in non-gazetted posts filled up in railways in the last six months;
- b) the details of total posts lying vacant in railways, zone-wise;
- c) the details of number of SC/ST/OBC reserved posts lying vacant in railways, zone-wise; and
- d) the number of persons empaneled as on 01 July 2024?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 593 BY SHRI MOHAMMED NADIMUL HAQUE ANSWERED IN RAJYA SABHA ON 26.07.2024 REGARDING VACANCIES IN NON-GAZETTED POSTS IN RAILWAYS

(a) to (d): Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a 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, mechanisations 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 centers.

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 centers.

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
2004-2014	4.11 lakh
2014-2024	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 Notifications (CENs) for 32,603 vacancies (UR- 14025, SC- 4708, ST- 2649, OBC- 7979, EWS- 3231 & Specially for PwBD- 11) 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.
