

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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CREATION OF SUB-CADRES IN IRMS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the cabinet decision taken in 2019 allows creation of sub cadres in Indian Railway Management Services;
- (b) whether Government has taken cabinet approval for creating sub cadres of IRMS;
- (c) whether Government is competent to create sub cadres of IRMS in the absence of the cabinet decision; and
- (d) whether the decision of Government to demerge the services into sub cadres is backed by any expert report or empirical evidence?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (d): Union Cabinet had inter-alia approved on 24.12.2019, creation of a new Group-‘A’ Central Service called Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS), recruitment to which shall specially be designed for Railways. It shall afford opportunity to engineers and non-engineers/non-technical graduates as per the requirement of the Railways. The annual intake from various disciplines shall be projected so that the need for specialized expertise of various jobs of Railways is met. Officers shall be posted as per their specialization and aptitude to allow them to specialize in some function and over time develop an all-round perspective on the Railway’s business needs and operations.

As mandated by the Cabinet, considering the unique requirement of both technical and non technical manpower in Railways, it has been decided in consultation with DoP&T and UPSC that the recruitment shall be done to the one unified service (IRMS) with sub-cadres, which are in line with the ‘functional areas’ of Railways namely, Traffic, Accounts, Personnel, Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, Signal & Telecommunication and Stores.
