

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

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**ASSESSMENT TO UPDATE WORKING METHOD AND DEPLOYMENT OF
MANPOWER AT RAILWAY STATIONS.**

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Railway stations are still operating under outdated practices from British era;
- (b) if so, the actions implemented by Railways to assess workload, manpower and update the working methods of Railway stations as on date, division-wise;
- (c) Whether Government has received any representation regarding the matters mentioned above, if so, from whom and the action taken therein till date; and
- (d) whether Government has hired any consulting firm for this major task, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(a) to (d): Railway stations are operated as per the latest norms and technologies. Adequate manpower is provided at the railway stations based on the classification of the stations, duty hours of the employees based on Hours of Employment Regulations (HOER) and manpower yardsticks prescribed for different activities. Continuous review of manpower requirement is done in view of introduction of new technologies, changing working systems, creation of new assets etc.

Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are continuous processes on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. 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.

Exam	Candidates	Cities	Centres	Days
L2 - L6	1.26 cr	211	726	68
L-1	1.1 cr	191	551	33

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

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

Majority of these recruitments are in operation and safety categories.

Further, as system improvement, the Ministry of Railways has introduced a system of publishing annual calendar from 2024 for recruitment to various categories of Group ‘C’ posts. 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

Accordingly, Eight Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 58,642 vacancies have been notified during January to October 2024 for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots, Technicians, Sub-Inspectors & Constables in Railway Protection Force (RPF), Junior Engineers/Depot Material Superintendents/Chemical & Metallurgical Assistants, Paramedical Categories, Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduates) & Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under-Graduates).

The Computer Based Test has commenced from 25.11.2024 onwards.
