

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

RAJYA SABHA
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VACANCIES AND RECRUITMENT IN RAILWAYS

1535. SHRI RYAGA KRISHNAIAH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of vacancies and sanctioned posts in Railways as of date;
- (b) the reasons for the high number of vacancies in the Railways;
- (c) whether Government has taken any steps to tackle the high number of vacancies in the Railways;
- (d) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor;
- (e) whether Government has formulated a Railway Recruitment Policy to ensure a time-bound and speedy recruitment process; and
- (f) if so, the details thereof, if not, the reasons therefor?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, INFORMATION & BROADCASTING AND
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(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (f): Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are continuous processes 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.

Presently recruitment of 1.08 lakh vacancies has been taken up on Indian Railways. Details are as under:

During January to December 2024, ten Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 92,116 vacancies have been notified for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots, Technicians, Sub-Inspectors, Constables in Railway Protection Force (RPF), Junior Engineers (JEs)/ Depot Material Superintendent (DMS)/ Chemical & Metallurgical Assistant (CMA), Paramedical Categories, Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate), Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under-Graduate), Ministerial & Isolated Categories and Level-1.

First stage Computer Based Tests (CBTs) for 55,197 posts have been completed in four phases. Details are as under-

Exam	Candidates	Cities	Languages
1 st Stage CBT for the post of ALP (18,799 vacancies)	18,40,347	156	15
CBT for the post of Technician (14,298 vacancies)	26,99,892	139	15
1 st Stage CBT for the post of JE/DMS/CMA (7,951 vacancies)	11,01,266	146	15
CBT for the post of RPF-SI (452 vacancies)	15,35,635	143	15
CBT for the post of RPF-Constable (4208 vacancies)	45,30,288	147	15
CBT for Paramedical Categories (1376 vacancies)	7,08,321	143	15
1 st Stage CBT for Non-Technical Popular Category (Graduate) (8113 vacancies)	58,41,774	141	15

Results of CBTs for the posts of ALP (1st stage), RPF-SI and Constable, JE/DMS/CMA (1st Stage) and Technicians have already been published. 2nd stage CBTs for the posts of ALP and JE/DMS/CMA have also been completed. Details are as under:-

Exam	Candidates	Cities	Languages
2 nd Stage CBT for the post of ALP (18,799 vacancies)	2,66,363	112	15
2 nd Stage CBT for the post of JE/DMS/CMA (7,951 vacancies)	1,17,339	118	15

Results for 2nd stage CBTs of ALP & JE/DMS/CMA have been published.

Out of 14,298 vacancies of Technicians notified in 2024, panels of more than 9,000 selected candidates have already been provided by the RRBs.

In addition, as per Annual Calendar for the year 2025, following two Centralized Employment Notifications have also been issued:-

- a. Centralized Employment Notification (CEN) No. 01/2025, for 9,970 vacancies of ALPs has also been notified in March 2025.
- b. Centralized Employment Notification (CEN) No. 02/2025, for 6,238 vacancies of Technician has been notified in June 2025.

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 2004-2005 to 2013-2014 vis-à-vis during 2014-2015 to 2024-2025 is given as under: -

Period	Recruitments
2004-2005 to 2013-2014	4.11 lakhs
2014-2015 to 2024-2025	5.08 lakhs

Further, as a 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