

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.149
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.11.2016**

VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS

149. SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the railways have more than one lakh job vacancies presently and if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;**
- (b) whether this huge vacancy backlog has had severe impact on rail safety issues and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the steps taken to prevent rail accidents and take care of rail safety issues with such a serious manpower shortage?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

(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. 149 BY SHRI RAJESH KUMAR DIWAKER TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.11.2016 REGARDING VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS

(a) The total number of vacancies in the Zonal Railways as on 01.04.2016 (Provisional) is as under.

Railways	Vacancy
Central	21578
East Coast	6997
East Central	16682
Eastern	22066
Metro	801
North Central	13569
North Eastern	11144
Northeast Frontier	10217
Northern	25395
North Western	11475
South Central	12814
South East Central	6478
South Eastern	16235
Southern	10233
South Western	5047
West Central	11434
Western	15204
Total*	217369

***Provisional**

(b) No, Madam.

(c) Safety is accorded highest priority by Indian Railways and all possible steps are undertaken on a continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance safety. These include timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies for upgradation and maintenance of track, rolling stock, signaling and interlocking systems, launching of safety drives, training of officials and inspections at regular intervals to monitor and educate staff for observance of safe practices. Safety devices/systems being progressively installed to prevent accidents include provision of Block Proving Axle Counters (BPAC), Auxiliary Warning Systems (AWS), LED Signals, Vigilance Control Device (VCD). Certain safety devices/systems are under development stage and these include Train Collision Avoidance System (TCAS), Train Protection and Warning System (TPWS) etc.
