

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.298
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2017**

SAFETY RELATED VACANCIES

***298. DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD:
SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total staff strength in safety category in the Railways, zone-wise;**
- (b) whether a large number of vacancies relating to safety are lying vacant in various zones of the Railways and if so, the details thereof, zone-wise;**
- (c) whether the existing staff is overburdened with work due to such shortage of staff; and**
- (d) if so, the efforts the Railways is making to conduct a special drive to fill up all the safety related vacancies in all zones expeditiously?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI SURESH PRABHAKAR PRABHU)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 298 BY DR. BOORA NARSAIAH GOUD AND SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2017 REGARDING SAFETY RELATED VACANCIES

(a) & (b): The total number of on roll strength and vacancy in safety category in Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' in Zonal Railways as on 31.12.2016 is as under:

S.No.	Zonal Railway	On Roll Strength	Vacancy
1.	Central	55451	10520
2.	East Coast	26708	5422
3.	East Central	48163	10448
4.	Eastern	56953	10009
5.	North Central	26779	8992
6.	North Eastern	21590	4808
7.	Northeast Frontier	38363	5707
8.	Northern	62942	15384
9.	North Western	24283	6945
10.	South Central	50530	8929
11.	South East Central	27706	4473
12.	South Eastern	45400	7316
13.	Southern	46638	5047
14.	South Western	18273	2867
15.	West Central	34235	6888
16.	Western	48513	8840
17.	Metro	1326	316
	Total	633853	122911

(c) No, Madam. The working hours of Railway servants are regulated as per statutory provisions of the Railways Act, 1989 and the Railway Servants (Hours of Work & Period of Rest) Rules, 2005. In accordance with these provisions, the Railway servants are classified as 'Intensive' 'Continuous' and 'Essentially Intermittent'. Zonal Railway Administrations prepare the duty rosters keeping in view administrative and operational requirements. However, in emergent situations, they are sometimes required to work beyond

these rostered hours of work for which they are suitably compensated as per extant rules.

(d) Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. The policy of the Railway Administration is to fill up the vacancies as per requirement, as per laid down procedure. The total number of persons empanelled for various Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' posts including safety category during the last five years is 1,92,026.
