

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 136
TO BE ANSWERED ON 27.12.2017**

VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS

***136 SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN :
SHRI MOHD. SALIM :**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the number of posts lying vacant in the Railways in all Groups across the country including SC/ST categories; zone-wise;**
- (b) the reasons for such long standing vacancies;**
- (c) whether the Government intends to start a special recruitment drive to fill up the vacancies;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be started; and**
- (e) if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COAL

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(a) to (e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF
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(a) Zone-wise details of posts lying vacant in the Railways in all Groups across in the country including SC/ST categories are appended as Appendix-I and Appendix-II.

(b) to (e) Filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and is done through various modes of intake. The policy of the Government is to fill up the vacancies as per operational requirement. The vacant posts in Zonal Railways are to be filled up as per laid down procedure through Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs), Railway Recruitment Cells (RRCs) and Union Public Service Commission (UPSC). There is always a time lag between occurrence of vacancies and processing the same for filling up as it involves notification of vacancies, holding examinations, finalizing of select panels and issue of appointment letters. Recruitment process in Railways is being done regularly through authorized recruiting agencies namely Railway Recruitment Board (RRBs) and Railway Recruitment Cells (RRCs). The shortfall and backlog vacancies of SCs, STs and OBCs left unfilled are taken care of in the subsequent recruitment cycle. As such, there is no need for launching any Special Recruitment Drive for filling up of vacancies in the Railways including vacancies for SC/ST categories.

APPENDIX-I REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 136 BY SHRI MD BADARUDDOZA KHAN AND SHRI MOHD. SALIM TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.12.2017 REGARDING VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS

ZONE-WISE VACANCY POSITION OF ALL GROUPS (GAZETTED AND NON-GAZETTED) AS ON 01.04.2017 (Provisional).

S.No.	RAILWAY	VACANCIES
1	Central	19,651
2	East Coast	6,878
3	East Central	17,065
4	Eastern	19,942
5	Metro	898
6	North Central	15,930
7	North Eastern	12,670
8	Northeast Frontier	11,044
9	Northern	27,537
10	North Western	13,532
11	South Central	14,881
12	South East Central	6,084
13	South Eastern	13,212
14	Southern	10,827
15	South Western	5,211
16	West Central	10,626
17	Western	16,520
	Total	2,22,159

APPENDIX-II REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 136 BY SHRI MD. BADARUDDOZA KHAN AND SHRI MOHD. SALIM ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 27.12.2017 REGARDING VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS

S.No.	Railways	Zone wise number of SC/ST vacant posts (as on 01.04.2017)
1	Central	4,278
2	East Coast	1,894
3	East Central	1,120
4	Eastern	4,904
5	Metro	132
6	North Central	1,921
7	North Eastern	1,323
8	Northeast Frontier	1,780
9	Northern	8,995
10	North Western	1,814
11	South Central	650
12	South East Central	1,804
13	South Eastern	1,574
14	Southern	1,862
15	South Western	1,650
16	West Central	1,511
17	Western	3,916
Total		41,128
