

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1967
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.03.2018**

VACANCIES IN SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAYS

1967. SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the average time taken in recruitment process by various Zones, Zone-wise;**
- (b) whether it has come to the notice of his Ministry that there is no recruitment in South Central Railways (SCR) for the last three years and if so, the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the details of vacancies in the SCR, cadre-wise and the steps Ministry has taken/proposed to take to fill them up in a time-bound manner by undertaking special drive; and**
- (d) the details of posts relating to safety and passenger amenities lying vacant, cadre-wise and category-wise?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1967 BY SHRI Y.V. SUBBA REDDY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.03.2018 REGARDING VACANCIES IN SOUTH CENTRAL RAILWAYS

(a) Direct recruitment to non-gazetted posts on Railways is made through Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and Railway Recruitment Cells(RRCs). The process involves many stages including written examination, Physical Efficiency Test/Aptitude Test and document verification. Recruitment to Group 'A' posts is made through Union Public Service Commission. There is no recruitment in Group 'B' posts as they are filled entirely through promotions.

In conventional printed question paper and Optical Mark Reader (OMR) sheet based exams, the complete recruitment process takes about 1.5 to 2 years. 'Online Applications and Computer Based Tests' have now been introduced which will reduce the time taken in finalizing the recruitment.

(b): No, Madam. On South Central Railway (SCR), panels of around 8159 candidates were received from Railway recruiting agencies since 2014-15 till date.

(c): Details of vacancies in SCR category-wise are as under:

Category	Vacancies
Group-A	59
Group-B	58
Non-Gazetted (Group- C & D)	15689
Total	15806

Two Employment Notices for filling up of 89,409 non-gazetted vacancies have been issued in February 2018 by Ministry of Railways. Out of these, 9743 vacancies are of South Central Railway. The categories are Assistant Loco Pilot, Technician and Level-1 posts.

(d): There are 1087 vacancies in Commercial Department, most of which pertain to passenger amenities. As regards safety category vacancies, they are 39 in Group 'A' and 21 in Group 'B'. Details of Group 'C' safety category vacancies on South Central Railway are as under:

Category	Vacancy
Station Masters	329
Controllers	43
Guards	1036
Pointsmen	536
Junior Engineer/Section Engineer(Permanent Way)	217
Gangmen/Gangmate	3983
Junior Engineer/Section Engineer(Signal)	30
Electrical Signal Maintainer/Mechanical Signal Maintainer	192
Loco Pilots	873
Shunters	262
Junior Engineer/Section Engineer(Carriage and Wagon)	69
All other safety categories	2801
Total	10371