

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 778  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.02.2018**

**SHORTAGE OF TRACKMEN**

**†778. SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

**(a) whether the Government is aware of the shortage of trackmen who undertakes patrolling job for the security of Railways and if so, the details of vacancies, zone-wise;**

**(b) whether the Railways has decided to engage homeguards and employees of private companies for safety of tracks during night;**

**(c) if so, the number of private employees already engaged and the reasons for taking decision to engage private employees in the field of security;**

**(d) whether this decision has not curtailed employment opportunities and will not lead to security lapses and if so, the details thereof; and**

**(e) whether the Government proposes to launch new recruitment drive for the post of trackmen, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

**ANSWER**

**MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)**

**(a) Yes, Madam. Ministry of Railways is aware of the shortage of Track Maintainer. The zone wise vacancy position of Track Maintainer is appended.**

**(b) & (c) Ministry has decided that whenever night patrolling is to be carried out in pair and in case available departmental manpower is inadequate, the second patrolman to accompany railway Track Maintainer deputed for patrolling, may be engaged through outsourcing. 2013 number of private persons have been engaged for the above purpose.**

**(d) The outsourcing of patrolman is to be done if available departmental manpower is inadequate. The outsourced patrolman is to be trained by Railway officials before patrolling in pair with Railway Track Maintainer deputed for patrolling.**

**(e) Recruitment process to fill up the vacancies in Level-1 posts, including those of around 35,000 Track Maintainers, has already been set in motion.**

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**APPENDIX REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 778 BY SHRI CHANDU LAL SAHU TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.02.2018 REGARDING SHORTAGE OF TRACKMEN.**

**(a): The zone-wise vacancy position of Track Maintainer is as under:**

<b>Vacancy position of Track Maintainer as on 01.04.2017 over Zonal Railways (provisional)</b>	
<b>Zonal Railway</b>	<b>Vacancy of Track Maintainer (No.)</b>
<b>Central Railway</b>	<b>2151</b>
<b>East Coast Railway</b>	<b>1848</b>
<b>East Central Railway</b>	<b>3573</b>
<b>Eastern Railway</b>	<b>4664</b>
<b>Metro Railway</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>North Central Railway</b>	<b>3332</b>
<b>North Eastern Railway</b>	<b>2694</b>
<b>Northeast Frontier Railway</b>	<b>2467</b>
<b>Northern Railway</b>	<b>4956</b>
<b>North Western Railway</b>	<b>3639</b>
<b>South Central Railway</b>	<b>3273</b>
<b>Southeast Central Railway</b>	<b>1236</b>
<b>South Eastern Railway</b>	<b>2726</b>
<b>Southern Railway</b>	<b>2909</b>
<b>South Western Railway</b>	<b>1303</b>
<b>West Central Railway</b>	<b>2874</b>
<b>Western Railway</b>	<b>4164</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>47810</b>

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