

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3601  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.08.2018**

**BACKLOG VACANCIES**

**3601. PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA:**

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

- (a) whether the Railways has 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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3601 BY PROF. CHINTAMANI MALVIYA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 08.08.2018 REGARDING BACKLOG VACANCIES.**

**(a): The vacancies of non gazetted staff against sanctioned strength on Zonal Railways as on 01.04.2018 were 2,50,410, the details of which are as under:-**

<b>Zonal Railways</b>	<b>Number of Vacancies</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>21359</b>
<b>East Coast</b>	<b>8731</b>
<b>East Central</b>	<b>18465</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>19558</b>
<b>Metro</b>	<b>798</b>
<b>North Central</b>	<b>16840</b>
<b>North Eastern</b>	<b>13003</b>
<b>Northeast Frontier</b>	<b>16278</b>
<b>Northern</b>	<b>31222</b>
<b>North Western</b>	<b>14402</b>
<b>South Central</b>	<b>16218</b>
<b>South East Central</b>	<b>7477</b>
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>14279</b>
<b>Southern</b>	<b>15700</b>
<b>South Western</b>	<b>5923</b>
<b>West Central</b>	<b>11105</b>
<b>Western</b>	<b>19052</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>250410</b>

**(b) & (c): No, Madam. Sanctioned posts in all categories are more than the actual operational requirement as they also include an element of Leave Reserve and Rest Giver which varies from 12.5% to 30% in safety categories.**

**Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process in the Railways. The policy of the Government is to fill up the vacancies as per operational requirement.**

**Further, two employment notifications have recently been issued to fill up 89,409 vacancies. These include 26,502 vacancies of Assistant Loco Pilots & Technicians and 62,907 vacancies of various Level-1 posts, mainly in safety categories.**

**All possible steps like timely replacement of over-aged assets, adoption of suitable technologies, safety drives, training of officials, safety inspection at regular interval etc., are undertaken on continual basis to prevent accidents and to enhance rail safety.**

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