

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2312
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.12.2018**

STAFF CRUNCH

**2312. SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM:
SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Railways have been facing the problem of staff crunch;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that shortage of staff is the cause of late running of the trains and if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether there has been any recruitment drive in the Railways since 2014 and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Railways to fill up the vacancies at the earliest?

ANSWER

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS

(SHRI RAJEN GOHAIN)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2312 BY SHRIMATI POONAMBEN MAADAM AND SHRI MALLIKARJUN KHARGE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.12.2018 REGARDING STAFF CRUNCH

(a): No, Madam.

(b)&(c): Do not arise.

(d): Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. Since 2014, a total of 13 Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) have been issued by Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs). The details are as under:-

| Year | CEN No. | CEN issued Date | Name of Posts | Notified / Modified Vacancies |
|-------------|----------------|------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| 2014 | 01/2014 | 18.01.2014 | Asst. Loco Pilots & Technicians | 34,429 |
| | 02/2014 | 20.09.2014 | Sr. Section Engineers / Jr. Engineers | 6,906 |
| | 03/2014 | 11.10.2014 | Ministerial, Isolated categories & Teachers | 1,564 |
| | 04/2014 | 01.11.2014 | Para-medical categories | 1,138 |
| 2015 | 01/2015 | 27.06.2015 | Sr. Section Engineers / Jr. Engineers | 3,829 |
| | 02/2015 | 22.08.2015 | Non-Technical Popular Categories - Under Graduate level (Special Recruitment Drive for PWDs) | 660 |
| | 03/2015 | 26.12.2015 | Non-Technical Popular Categories - Graduate level | 14,023 |
| 2016 | 01/2016 | 12.03.2016 | Constable (Band) | 246 |

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| 2018 | 01/2018 | 03.02.2018 | Asst. Loco Pilots & Technicians | 64,371 |
| | 02/2018 | 10.02.2018 | Level-1 (erstwhile Group 'D') posts | 62,907 |
| | 01/2018 | 19-25 May, 2018 | Constable | 8619 |
| | 02/2018 | 19-25 May, 2018 | Sub-Inspector | 1120 |
| | 03/2018 | 22-28 December, 2018 | Constables (Ancillary) | 798 |

(e): To expedite the recruitment process, RRBs have adopted and implemented initiatives of 'Online Applications' and 'Computer Based Tests (CBTs)' in recruitment for Group 'C' & 'D' posts on Indian Railways. Recruitments against all the three CENs of 2015, have been successfully conducted in CBT mode and have since been completed. Further, in the ongoing mega recruitments against CENs No. 01/2018 for about 47.56 lakh applicants and 02/2018 for about 1.89 crore applicants, 1st stage CBT has also been conducted during 09.08.2018 to 17.12.2018 in multiple shifts.
