

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3540
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.01.2019**

VACANCIES IN SAFETY CATEGORY

†3540. SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the area-wise total number of employees working under safety category of the railways;

(b) whether a lot of posts are lying vacant under the safety category in various areas of railways;

(c) if so, the area-wise details thereof;

(d) whether the present staff is working for more than 10-12 hours a day and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the efforts being made by the Railways to conduct a special drive to fill all the vacant posts in safety category?

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. 3540 BY SHRI ASHOK MAHADEORAO NETE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.01.2019 REGARDING VACANCIES IN SAFETY CATEGORY

(a) to (c): The on roll strength and vacancy in safety category in Group 'C' and erstwhile Group 'D' in Zonal Railways as on 01.10.2018 is as under:

Zonal Railways	On-roll Strength	Vacancy
Central	44926	8817
East Coast	27570	7010
East Central	45157	10980
Eastern	55741	13594
Metro	1060	315
North Central	34144	12661
North Eastern	19649	5669
Northeast Frontier	32834	7877
Northern	64324	16355
North Western	22595	8888
South Central	49735	10865
South East Central	27042	5882
South Eastern	44505	8656
Southern	47415	10578
South Western	20682	3723
West Central	33108	7899
Western	52648	11579
Total	623135	151348

(d) : No, Madam. The working hours of Railway servants are regulated as per statutory provisions of the Railways Act, 1989 and the Railway Servants (Hours of Work & Period of Rest) Rules, 2005. In accordance with these provisions, the Railway servant are classified as 'Intensive' 'Continuous' and 'Essentially Intermittent'. Zonal Railway Administrations prepare the duty rosters keeping in view administrative and operational requirements. However, in emergent situations, they are sometimes required to work beyond these rostered hours of work for which they are suitably compensated as per extant rules.

(e): Arising and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process. Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) are regularly providing panels of successful candidates to Railways/Production Units concerned. During the last three years, a total of 66,682 candidates (including 57,851 for safety category posts) have been empanelled for various Group 'C' posts on Indian Railways through RRBs.

Two Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for filling up vacancies mainly in safety categories were issued in 2018.

- (i) CEN No.01/2018 for Asst. Loco Pilots (ALPs) & Technicians (Total 64,371 vacancies). The 1st stage Computer Based Test has been conducted from 09.08.2018 to 04.09.2018 in multiple shifts.**
- (ii) CEN No.02/2018 for 62,907 vacancies in Level-1 (erstwhile Group 'D') posts. Computer Based Test has been conducted from 17.09.2018 to 17.12.2018 in multiple shifts.**
