

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3896
TO BE ANSWERED ON 17.07.2019**

CONTRACTUAL WORKERS

3896. SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways proposes to engage labourers on contractual basis;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;**
- (c) the number of permanent posts lying vacant in the Railways at present; and**
- (d) the number of vacant permanent posts that have been filled up during the last three years?**

ANSWER

MINISTER OF RAILWAYS AND COMMERCE & INDUSTRY

(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)

(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.3896 BY SHRI RAJESHBHAI CHUDASAMA TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 17.07.2019 REGARDING CONTRACTUAL WORKERS

(a) & (b) For non-core works or works which are not ongoing permanently, Indian Railways (IR) engages contract labourers through contracting agencies or directly.

IR executes a wide range of works for creation, repair and maintenance of its various assets including stations, coaches, wagons, coaching depots, locomotives, tracks, etc pertaining to various departments namely Mechanical, Commercial, Operating, Electrical, Civil Engineering, Signal & Telecommunication, Security, Medical, etc. These works are executed through its own workers and/or through outsourcing (particularly non-core activities) to contracting agencies. These agencies work for the Railways and engage workmen/labourers towards execution of these contracts.

IR engages contract labourers directly only in a few categories such as para-medical staff, school teacher, Data Entry Operators/Executive Assistants/Digital Office Assistants, "Consultant-cum-Coach" (Heritage) and engagement of retired personnel/other personnel in Engineering, Electrical, S&T departments of Railway Electrification and Construction organizations, on contract basis. Therefore, Contract labourers are engaged mostly by the contracting agencies providing services to IR on contract basis i.e. providing service either through service contracts or through works contracts.

(c) The number of permanent posts lying vacant in the Indian Railways at present is 2,88,404.

(d) A total number of 1,08,695 candidates have been empanelled to fill up vacancies during the last three years.