

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 302
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023
VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS**

***302. SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI:
SHRI NATARAJAN P.R.:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Indian Railways is reeling under staff shortage with 3.12 lakh non-gazetted posts lying vacant in the country spread across 18 zones as on 1st December, 2022;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor, Zone/Year-wise; and**
- (c) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to fill up the non-gazetted posts in Railways across the country to ensure maintaining minimum services like operation of ticket booking window for public, etc.?**

**ANSWER
MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 302 BY SHRIMATI KANIMOZHI KARUNANIDHI AND SHRI NATARAJAN P.R. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2023 REGARDING VACANT POSTS IN RAILWAYS

(a)& (b) : The Zone-wise details of vacant posts of non-gazetted staff in Indian Railways as on 01.12.2022 are as under:

Zonal Railway	Vacancy
Central	28606
East Coast	8278
East Central	14439
Eastern	30327
Metro	1069
North Central	18383
North Eastern	14118
Northeast Frontier	15705
Northern	38967
North Western	15207
South Central	16947
South East Central	8025
South Eastern	17661
Southern	22357
South Western	6581
West Central	11636
Western	30667
Total	298973
Other Units	12465
Grand Total	311438

(c) : Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process and the same is filled by placement of indents by Railways with recruitment agencies as per operational requirements. During the process, vacancies may arise and these are filled subsequently.

A total of 35281 vacancies were notified vide Centralized Employment Notification (CEN) No. 01/2019- Non Technical Popular Categories (NTPC), out of which, 5638 vacancies are of Sr. Commercial cum Ticket Clerk and 4940 vacancies are of Commercial cum Ticket Clerk posts. Recruitment process has been completed and furnishing of panels to Indenting Railways is in process.

A total 61,524 candidates have been empanelled against Level-1 (erstwhile Group-D) vacancies notified vide Centralized Notification No. 02/2018.

A total of 1,03,769 vacancies have been notified for level-1 posts (erstwhile Group-D) vide Centralized Employment Notification CEN RRC-01/2019 for which Computer Based Test and Physical Efficiency Test have been completed and the remaining recruitment process is near completion.
