

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2405
TO BE ANSWERED ON 15.03.2023**

CONTRACTUAL WORKERS HIRED BY THE RAILWAYS

2405. SHRI RITESH PANDEY

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of vacancy and recruitments made by the Railways since 2014;**
- (b) the details of the number of contractual workers hired by the Railways since 2014;**
- (c) whether the Government is aware of the unprecedented delay in conducting exams in Railways for Group C and D candidates since 2019, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (d) whether the Government is planning to conduct the exams in a time-bound manner which would enormously help the railways aspirants who largely belong to rural India and low-income families and if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and**
- (e) whether the Government is considering to give permanent status of employment to contractual workers which comprise more than three lakh workers in a phased manner, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?**

ANSWER

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

(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. 2405 BY SHRI RITESH PANDEY TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 15.03.2023 REGARDING CONTRACTUAL WORKERS HIRED BY THE RAILWAYS

(a): The details of the vacancies on Indian Railways as on 01.02.2023 are as under:

Gazetted	Non-Gazetted	Total
2885	312895	315780

Direct recruitment to Group 'A' Junior Scale posts of Assistant Divisional Medical Officer (ADMO) in Indian Railway Health Service (IRHS) is through Combined Medical Services Examination (CMSE) conducted annually by UPSC.

Direct Recruitment of Junior Scale Officers of Group 'A' services viz. Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) and Indian Railway Protection Force Service (IRPFS) under Ministry of Railways is through Civil Services Examination (CSE) conducted by UPSC. The details of recruitment to Group 'A' services on Indian Railways since 2014 are as under:-

Exam Year	Candidates joined
2014	635
2015	630
2016	585
2017	494
2018	417
2019	481
2020	77
2021	06
2022	Final result awaited

The details of recruitments made in Group 'C' (including Level-1)

since 2014 are as under:

Year	Total No. of Candidates
2014-2015	63574
2015-2016	79803
2016-2017	26318
2017-2018	24862
2018-2019	6493
2019-2020	137527
2020-2021	5558
2021-2022	4612
2022-2023	37968*

***Provisional**

(b) : The details of contractual workers hired by Indian Railways

are as under :

Year	No. of contractual workers
2014-15	6728
2015-16	7240
2016-17	8577
2017-18	7150
2018-19	14293
2019-20	16525
2020-21	7324
2021-22	10998
2022-23	7195*

***Provisional**

(c) & (d) : The process of examination had got impacted due to

COVID-19 related restrictions and resultant lockdowns imposed by

various States. Once the things got normalized after ebbing of first

wave of Covid-19 in the country, Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs)

have started recruitment process for notified vacancies from

15.12.2020 in phases. Exam process for notified vacancies has been

completed and empanelment process has started.

The recruitment process for 1,03,769 vacancies in Level-1 (erstwhile Group-‘D’) is under completion stage.

(e) : No, Sir. Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a continuous process in a large organization like Indian Railways. In exigencies of work, contractual engagement is resorted to as a stop gap arrangement till regular incumbent joins the post. Engagement on contract basis is purely contractual in nature and does not confer any right upon such contractual staff for regular employment/absorption in Railway Service or further continuance on contract basis.
