

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3648
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.03.2023**

FILLING UP OF VACANCIES

**3648. SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT:
SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Railways is running with a considerable shortage in staff strength due to vacant positions when it has a huge task to expand with financial outlay in 2023 jumping to Rs. 2.4 lakh crore;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, including the Group-wise vacant positions as on 31 December, 2022;**
- (c) the special measures that Railways proposes to take to fill up the vacancies immediately after they fall vacant considering the large-scale unemployment in the country;**
- (d) whether Railways has any proposal to introduce a special drive to fill the existing vacancies; and**
- (e) if so, the details in this regard?**

**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. 3648 BY SHRI RAJENDRA DHEDYA GAVIT AND SHRIMATI SARMISTHA SETHI TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 22.03.2023 REGARDING FILLING UP OF VACANCIES

(a) & (b) : The details of the vacancies on Indian Railways as on 31.12.2022 are as under:

Group 'A'	Group 'B'	Group 'C' (including Level-1)	Total
2015	870	312039	314924

(c) to (e) : 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. 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 Union Public Service Commission (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.

Further, 35281 vacancies were notified vide Centralized Employment Notification (CEN) No. 01/2019- Non Technical Popular Categories (NTPC). Recruitment process has been completed and panels are being furnished to the indenting Railways.

A total 61,524 candidates have been empanelled against 63,202 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.
