

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 987
TO BE ANSWERED ON 08.02.2023**

PROVIDING CONVENIENCE TO CANDIDATES BY RRB

† 987 SHRI MALOOK NAGAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) has taken a decision to limit the distance of examination centre from the candidate's home itself for the convenience of the candidates appearing for the examination of Railway and if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether the RRB has made any additional provision for the women candidates and if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the time by which said decision of RRB is likely to be implemented; and**
- (d) the other steps taken by the RRB for the convenience of the candidates appearing in the examination of the Railway's recruitment?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMUNICATIONS AND
ELECTRONICS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a): Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) conduct examination covering different Geographical locations/ States all over the country even as far as all seven North-East States, Islands of Andaman &

Nicobar as well as Lakshadweep & Kashmir valley in north. Due to large number of candidates i.e. more than one crore, it is not always possible to allot centres near the place of residence of the candidates. However, in allotting of centre it is ensured that Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) & female candidates are allotted centres near their residence. In the recent examinations to avoid long distance travel, it was decided that as far as possible no candidates should travel more than 500 kilometers.

(b): To encourage women candidates application fee collected from female candidates by RRBs is fully refunded to those who appear in written examination. Further, certain relaxations are provided such as in upper age limit to certain eligible categories of female candidates, and for Level-1 recruitment, in the qualifying standards for the Physical Efficiency Test (PET).

(c): Does not arise.

(d): RRBs give the place of exam about ten days before the actual date of exam. A Google map link for examination centre is provided in the Admit Card. At every stage of examination, important SMS/ email alerts are sent to the candidates. Also, mock tests are conducted before actual Computer Based Test (CBT).
