

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2110
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.08.2023
VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS**

**2110. SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA:
SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL:
SHRI VELUSAMY P.:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of vacancies and sanctioned posts in Railways as on date zone/State-wise in different categories;**
- (b) the reasons for the high number of vacancies in Railways;**
- (c) whether Railways is proposing to start special class railways apprenticeship programme, if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) whether the Government has taken any steps to tackle the high number of vacancies in Railways;**
- (e) if so, the details hereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (f) whether the Government has formulated a railway recruitment policy to ensure a time-bound and speedy recruitment process to fill the vacancies;**
- (g) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;**
- (h) whether Southern Railway is having 22,506 non-gazetted vacancies; and**
- (i) if so, the details of gazetted post vacancies at present in Southern Railway?**

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (i) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2110 BY SHRIMATI CHINTA ANURADHA, SHRI SYED IMTIAZ JALEEL AND SHRI VELUSAMY P. TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 02.08.2023 REGARDING VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS

(a) : The details of sanctioned (SS) posts and vacancies (VAC), Zone-wise and category/group-wise on Indian Railways as on 01.07.2023 are as under:

Zonal Railway	Group 'A'		Group 'B'		Group 'C'	
	SS	VAC	SS	VAC	SS	VAC
CR	816	141	354	-38	119372	25281
ECOR	489	81	185	13	57311	8114
ECR	718	121	326	66	92324	12812
ER	815	242	355	-26	128529	29869
MR	101	30	22	7	5130	993
NCR	573	108	223	27	81868	15962
NER	514	78	202	1	59463	12830
NFR	757	160	298	11	70064	12365
NR	1157	138	448	30	163147	32468
NWR	620	83	235	25	59076	9813
SCR	734	110	333	-33	92828	10338
SECR	437	90	163	-7	56119	7796
SER	627	114	322	58	95704	13432
SR	797	106	376	15	96313	15240
SWR	439	86	152	-32	41618	4843
WCR	469	87	199	-14	63841	11142
WR	898	190	400	2	115324	25597
Total	10961	1965	4593	105	1398031	248895

The vacancies of Operational Safety categories are 53,178.

(b) : Indian Railways is a large organisation. Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are continuous process on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. The vacancies are filled up primarily by placement of indents by Railways with Recruitment agencies as per operational requirements.

(c) : Presently, there is no proposal to start special class railways apprenticeship.

(d) to (g) : Direct recruitment to Group 'A' Services on Indian Railways is mainly done by UPSC. Indent is placed on UPSC and DoPT.

A massive recruitment exercise has been completed recently for empanelling 1,39,050 candidates by conducting Computer Based Test (CBT) of approximately 2.37 crore candidates.

CBT for Centralized Employment Notification (CEN) 01/2019 for Non-Technical Popular Categories (NTPC) was conducted for 1.26 crore candidates in 133 shifts in 68 days across 211 cities and 726 centres in 15 languages. Similarly, CBT for CEN-RRC 01/2019 (Level-1) was conducted for 1.11 crore candidates in 99 shifts in 33 days across 191 cities and 551 centres in 15 languages.

During period from 01.04.2022 till 30.06.2023, 1,36,773 candidates have been empanelled against various Group 'C' posts (including Level 1). This includes 1,11,728* safety category posts.

(h) & (i) : The total number of Non-gazetted vacancies (Group 'C' including Level-1) in Southern Railway as on 01.07.2023 is 15,240. The total number of Gazetted vacancies in Southern Railway as on 01.07.2023 is 121.

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