

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2665
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.03.2021**

FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION

**2665. SHRI RAJAN VICHARE:
SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Railways is working on formulating any scheme to promote freight transportation operations;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof;**
- (c) the annual consumption of power by the Railways;**
- (d) the number of people who have been provided employment till date under the 'Garib Kalyan Rojgar Abhiyan' by the Railways, State-wise; and**
- (e) the details of the number of posts lying vacant as on date in Railways along with the number of posts on which recruitment process is ongoing?**

ANSWER

**MINISTER OF RAILWAYS, COMMERCE & INDUSTRY AND CONSUMER
AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
(SHRI PIYUSH GOYAL)**

(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. 2665 BY SHRI RAJAN VICHARE AND SHRIMATI RITI PATHAK TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 10.03.2021 REGARDING FREIGHT TRANSPORTATION.

(a) & (b) To promote freight transportation operations, the following major schemes have been formulated:

- i. Schemes providing freight incentives: Automatic Freight Rebate Scheme for traffic loaded in Traditional Empty Flow Direction (TEFD); Long Term Traffic Contract (LTTC); incentive to load Fly Ash; concessions for Short-lead and Long-lead traffic; non-levy of Terminal Charges at unloading point of notified alternate goods-sheds and Private Freight Terminals (PFTs); Premium indent for freight customers; and withdrawal of Busy Season Charges from 01.10.2019.**
- ii. Schemes floated to attract new traffic in container trains: Large scale de-notification of commodities for container traffic and lower freight charges; 25% concession on haulage charge for empty containers till 30.04.2021; 5% concession on haulage charges for loaded containers till 30.04.2021; 50% terminal access charge for containers handled at Group-III container rail terminals; round trip base charging for ultra short lead (up to 50 Kms) till 30.04.2021; introduction of cube container for two wheeler automobile traffic; and stabling charges for containers withdrawn till 31.03.2021.**
- iii. Modification in transportation product: Minimum number of wagons for availing trainload benefit for BCNHL reduced from 57 wagons to 42; train load benefit for mini rake of 20 wagons provided for booking of parcel size traffic; and supplementary charges of 5% for mini rake and two point rakes modified into graded form.**

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- iv. **Schemes to promote ease of doing business: Registration of demand for wagons electronically; Electronic transmission of Railway Receipt; Electronic payment system for freight charges; development of Freight Business Development Portal for uploading applications by customers for stacking permission/diversion/rebooking/short of destination delivery/waiver of demurrage and wharfage/ station to station rates, etc.**
- v. **Schemes to promote private investment in wagons: In order to promote loading of bulk commodities in special purpose wagons schemes like Liberalized Special Freight Train Operator Scheme and Automobile Freight Train Operator Schemes have been introduced. For dedicated loading in General Purpose wagons, the General Purpose Wagon Investment Scheme has been introduced.**
- vi. **A new policy on programming of iron-ore traffic i.e. iron-ore policy has been formulated.**
- (c) **Annual consumption of Electricity during 2019-2020 was about 20.75 Billion units.**
- (d) **‘The Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyan’ was announced on 20.06.2020 for 125 days i.e. up to 22.10.2020. Indian Railways generated 14,14,604 man-days in six selected states :**

S. No.	State	No. of Man-days generated
1.	Bihar	3,95,527
2.	Jharkhand	20,572
3.	Madhya Pradesh	2,05,415
4.	Odisha	84,190
5.	Rajasthan	1,96,521
6.	Uttar Pradesh	5,12,379
Total Man-days		14,14,604

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- (e) **The details of ongoing Recruitment process on three Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) released by Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) are as follows:**

S. No.	Centralized Employment Notifications (CEN)	Number of Vacancy
1.	03/2019 Isolated & Ministerial categories	1663
2.	01/2019 Non Technical Popular Categories (NTPC) Graduate & Under Graduate level	35281
3.	RRC – 01/2019 Level-1 (erstwhile Group 'D')	103769
