

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO.208  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 16.03.2022**

**SPECIAL RECRUITMENT DRIVE**

**†\*208 SHRI AJAY NISHAD:**

**SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD:**

**Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:**

- (a) the number of vacant posts in all category groups including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes in the Railways across the country, zone-wise/region-wise;**
- (b) the number of posts for which appointments have been made in all category groups including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes during the last three years and the current year;**
- (c) whether the Government proposes to start any special recruitment drive to fill these vacant posts;**
- (d) if so, the details thereof and the time by which it is likely to be initiated; and**
- (e) 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.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 208 BY SHRI AJAY NISHAD AND SHRI CHANDESHWAR PRASAD TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 16.03.2022 REGARDING SPECIAL RECRUITMENT DRIVE**

**(a): Total number of vacant posts in all category groups including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes on Indian Railways is 2,98,428.**

**(b): Total number of appointments made in all category groups including Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes on Indian Railways during the last three years and the current year is 1,51,562.**

**(c): In pursuance of Special Recruitment Drive launched in the year 2008 as per the directives of DOP&T, as many as 14868 backlog vacancies [SCs (4003), STs (4143) & OBCs (6722)] were indentified for clearance in a time bound manner and the same had been fully cleared as on 31.03.2017. Since the year 2010, recruitment process in Railways is being done regularly through authorized recruiting agencies namely Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and Railway Recruitment Cells (RRCs). The shortfall or backlog vacancies of SCs, STs and OBCs left unfilled are taken care of in the subsequent recruitment cycle. As such, currently there is no need for launching any Special Recruitment Drive in the Railways. Now, Railways are having on-line recruitment and the process of recruitment is being expedited. The total of 1,40,713 vacancies (including 20,944 SC and 10,930 ST) are presently under recruitment for level-1 to level-7.**

**(d) : Does not arise.**

**(e): As mentioned in reply to Para (c) above.**

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