

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA  
STARRED QUESTION NO. 257  
TO BE ANSWERED ON 03.08.2022**

**LATERAL INDUCTION IN RAILWAYS**

**\*257. SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE:**

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

- (a) whether there are large number of Candidates (non-Gazetted empanelled for appointments in Railways for various zones, especially from 2016 to 2020;**
- (b) if so, the details thereof, zone wise;**
- (c) whether there is a provision of 10% and 40% quota for absorption against lateral induction at various work-shops/engineering establishments of Railways and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the procedure of the lateral induction, especially for Group D category against 10% and 40%?**

**ANSWER**

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

**(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)**

**(a) to (d) : A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.**

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**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO. 257 BY SHRIMATI RAKSHA NIKHIL KHADSE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 03.08.2022 REGARDING LATERAL INDUCTION IN RAILWAYS**

**(a) & (b): Direct Recruitment Quota vacancies for various Group 'C' posts, Level 1 posts and Security related posts are filled by Indian Railways through Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) and Zonal Railways. During 2016-2017 to 2019-2020, zone-wise details for candidates empanelled/ recruited by Indian Railways are as under:**

<b>Name of RRB</b>	<b>Candidates empanelled/ recruited</b>
<b>Ahmedabad</b>	<b>2829</b>
<b>Ajmer</b>	<b>5641</b>
<b>Allahabad</b>	<b>14745</b>
<b>Bangalore</b>	<b>5129</b>
<b>Bhopal</b>	<b>4787</b>
<b>Bhubaneshwar</b>	<b>3622</b>
<b>Bilaspur</b>	<b>3702</b>
<b>Chandigarh</b>	<b>6238</b>
<b>Chennai</b>	<b>5632</b>
<b>Gorakhpur</b>	<b>2503</b>
<b>Guwahati</b>	<b>2903</b>
<b>Jammu</b>	<b>1787</b>
<b>Kolkata</b>	<b>9661</b>
<b>Malda</b>	<b>2603</b>
<b>Mumbai</b>	<b>14756</b>
<b>Muzaffarpur</b>	<b>1303</b>
<b>Patna</b>	<b>4020</b>
<b>Ranchi</b>	<b>5994</b>
<b>Secunderabad</b>	<b>11359</b>
<b>Siliguri</b>	<b>1354</b>
<b>Thiruvananthapuram</b>	<b>971</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>111539</b>

<b>Name of Zonal Railway (including Level 1 &amp; RPF*/ RPSF**)</b>	<b>Candidates empanelled/ recruited</b>
<b>Central</b>	<b>5371</b>
<b>East Central</b>	<b>5953</b>
<b>East Coast</b>	<b>2025</b>
<b>Eastern</b>	<b>12091</b>
<b>North Central</b>	<b>4460</b>
<b>North Eastern</b>	<b>3703</b>
<b>North Western</b>	<b>4396</b>
<b>Northeast Frontier</b>	<b>2512</b>
<b>Northern</b>	<b>8202</b>
<b>South Central</b>	<b>6561</b>
<b>South East Central</b>	<b>1605</b>
<b>South Eastern</b>	<b>5504</b>
<b>South Western</b>	<b>5276</b>
<b>Southern</b>	<b>5275</b>
<b>West Central</b>	<b>3283</b>
<b>Western</b>	<b>6318</b>
<b>RPSF</b>	<b>1113</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>83648</b>
<b>*RPF- Railway Protection Force</b>	
<b>**RPSF- Railway Protection Special Force</b>	

<b>Candidates Empanelled/ recruited through RRBs</b>	<b>111539</b>
<b>Candidates Empanelled/ recruited through Zonal Railways</b>	<b>83648</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>195187</b>

**(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. Extant provision provides for induction/ transfer of Trackmen in Level- 1 (Grade Pay ₹ 1800) with lower age limit of 38 years to Mechanical Engineering and Transportation (Power) Department, Traffic & Commercial Department and to the Works side of Engineering Department against 10% quota with 50% seniority. Similarly, Store Khalasis and Safaiwalas of all departments with upper age limit of 38 years are considered for transfer to Mechanical Workshop against 10% quota with 50% seniority.**

**These transfers should not exceed 10% of the annual intake of Gangmen nor 10% of annual intake in the relevant recruitment categories of each of these departments to which Gangmen are transferred. Khalasis of Stores and Safaiwalas of all Departments will also be reckoned against same 10% annual quota of vacancies in workshops etc. as is open for absorption of Gangmen.**

**Applications for lateral transfer of Trackmen to other departments should be called for departments wise and applicants shortlisted on basis of seniority based on the length of service. Separate applications should be submitted for each such notification. The complete list of applicants should be displayed and also placed on the webpage of the division. For transfer to other departments, a Trackman/ Gangman should be suitable in all respects including possessing physical standards prescribed for recruitment to that Department/ Workshop.**

**Rules further provide that 40% of the vacancies in Pay Level- 1 (erstwhile Group 'D') in Mechanical Workshops should be filled from amongst volunteers from other departments who may like to come over to the workshop cadre on bottom seniority with upper age limit of 33 years (relaxation of 5 years to SC/ ST employees).**

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