

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1438
TO BE ANSWERED ON 31.07.2024**

VACANCIES IN GROUP A, B, C AND D IN RAILWAYS

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is aware of continuous decrease in the number of employees of Indian Railways during the last few years and if so, the reasons for not filling up the vacancies in a time bound manner;**
- (b) the number of vacancies in Group A, B, C and D in Railways, category and region-wise;**
- (c) the time by which the process for filling up the vacant posts is likely to be completed;**
- (d) the steps taken by the Government for managing its operations in an efficient manner while facing shortage of requisite workforce;**
- (e) the number of newly recruited employees during the last three years including the current year along with the number of employment opportunities generated during the last decade;**
- (f) the reasons for not filling up the vacant posts in different categories;**

(g) any special scheme to recruit employees from the economically backward areas of Maharashtra; and

(h) if so, the details thereof?

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (h) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 1438 BY SHRI OMPRAKASH BHUPALSINH ALIAS PAVAN RAJENIMBALKAR, SHRI ARVIND GANPAT SAWANT, SHRI ANAND BHADAURIA, SHRI SHYAMKUMAR DAULAT BARVE, SMT. GENIBEN NAGAJI THAKOR, SHRI RAJEEV RAI, SMT. MALA ROY, SHRI SHRIRANG APPA CHANDU BARNE TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 31.07.2024 REGARDING VACANCIES IN GROUP A, B, C AND D IN RAILWAYS

(a) to (h) : Occurrence and filling up of vacancies are continuous process on Indian Railways considering its size, spatial distribution and criticality of operation. Adequate and suitable manpower is provided to cater to the regular operations, changes in technology, mechanizations and innovative practices. The vacancies are filled up primarily by placement of indents by Railways with Recruitment agencies as per operational and technological requirements.

After easing of restrictions imposed on account of COVID 19, two major examinations involving more than 2.37 crore candidates have been conducted successfully.

Computer Based Test (CBT) exam for more than 1.26 crore candidates was conducted in 7 phases from 28.12.2020 to 31.07.2021 in 133 shifts in 68 days across 211 cities and 726 centres.

Similarly, CBT was conducted for more than 1.1 crore candidates in 5 phases from 17.08.2022 to 11.10.2022 in 99 shifts in 33 days across 191 cities and 551 centres.

Based on these exams, 1,30,581 candidates have been recruited in railways.

The RRB examinations are quite technical in nature entailing large scale mobilization of men and resources and training of manpower. Railway overcame all these challenges and successfully conducted the recruitment in a transparent manner following all laid down

guidelines. No instance of paper leakage or similar malpractice has occurred during the entire process.

Recruitment done in Indian Railways during 2004-2014 vis-à-vis during 2014 – 2024 is given as under:

Period	Recruitments
2004-14	4.11 lakh
2014-24	5.02 lakh

Further, as system improvement, the Ministry of Railways has introduced a system of publishing annual calendar this year for recruitment to various categories of Group ‘C’ posts. Accordingly, five Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 40,554 vacancies have been notified during January to July 2024 for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots, Technicians, Sub-Inspectors & Constables in Railway Protection Force (RPF), Junior Engineers, Depot Material Superintendents and Chemical and Metallurgical Supervisors. The introduction of annual calendar will benefit the aspirants in the following manner:

- More opportunities for candidates;**
- Opportunities to those becoming eligible every year;**
- Certainty of exams;**
- Faster Recruitment process, Training and Appointments**

The recruitment is done on all India basis and not Statewise as per the guidelines of Government of India. Every candidate irrespective of gender, language, place of birth/region etc. fulfilling eligibility criteria is free to apply. The norms of reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) prescribed by Government of India are followed in Indian Railways also.
