

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2572
TO BE ANSWERED ON 07.08.2024**

RECRUITMENT IN SOUTHERN RAILWAYS

2572 SHRI ESWARASAMY K:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the overall recruitment for Southern Railways over the last five years along with the total number of new hires during said period;**
- (b) the details of the number of employees currently working in the same State along with the information about the States they were hired from, State-wise including their current working locations within the Southern Railways system;**
- (c) any assessment conducted to find trends or changes in the geographic origins of Southern Railways recruits during the last five years, if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the States that have seen significant increases or decreases in the number of successful applicants, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 2572 BY SHRI ESWARASAMY K TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 07.08.2024 REGARDING RECRUITMENT IN SOUTHERN RAILWAYS

(a) to (d): Occurrence and filling up of vacancies is a 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, mechanisations 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 centers.

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 centers.

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
2004-2014	4.11 lakh
2014-2024	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' post. Accordingly, five Centralized Notifications (CENs) for 40,554 vacancies (UR- 17600, SC- 5823, ST- 3238, OBC- 9769, EWS- 4113 & Specially for PwBD- 11) 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 (JEs)/ Depot Material Superintendent (DMS)/ Chemical & Metallurgical Assistant (CMA) Category. 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**

During last ten years i.e. from 2014-2015 to 2023-2024, 45441 candidates have been empanelled for Southern Railways against various Group 'C' posts (including Level 1 & Security related posts).

Indian Railways is an organization having pan India character. Direct Recruitment to various Group 'C' posts on Indian Railways is made by 21 Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) located all over the country. Candidates are free to apply to any one of the 21 RRBs in response to their Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs).
