

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

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**UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3806
TO BE ANSWERED ON 18.12.2024**

RAILWAY PROTECTION FORCE

3806. SHRI V K SREEKANDAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government has provided grants in crores for upgrading and modernizing zonal training centres for the Railway Protection Force, if so, the details thereof;**
- (b) whether additional funds apart from the above have also been sanctioned to the said Force;**
- (c) if so, the details thereof;**
- (d) the RPF will be equipped with advanced protective gear, including bulletproof jackets and improved helmets, to ensure the safety of its personnel;**
- (e) if so, the details thereof;**
- (f) whether the Government is considering filling up all the vacant posts in RPF, if so, the details of the number of posts likely to be filled in; and**
- (g) whether any drive been initiated to complete the recruitment task quickly, if so, the details thereof?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

(a) to (g): There is one Centralised Training Institute and 12 Zonal Institutes catering to the training requirements of RPF/RPSF Personnel.

These institutes impart initial training across various ranks in RPF. Besides they also provide refresher course, orientation courses and other courses aimed at up gradation of skills of security personnel.

During financial years 2022-23 to 2024-25, Umbrella Works for a total cost of Rs. 1443 Crores have been sanctioned for upgrading and modernization of railway training centres including centres for Railway Protection Force (RPF).

Further, recently umbrella work at a total cost Rs. 600 Crores has been sanctioned for providing CCTV in RPF Posts/Outposts and construction/replacements/ modification/ up-gradation of RPF Barracks/ Office Buildings etc.

MOWCD under the aegis of Nirbhaya Fund has sanctioned Rs. 33.6 Crores for establishment of AI based Facial Recognition System at 7 stations for enabling RPF to respond in real-time identification of suspects, missing persons, or individuals with criminal records.

Procurement & Supply of modern security equipment and protective gears for the force personnel is a continuous process. As on date 10,759 bulletproof jackets and 12,247 helmets have been provided to force personnel.

Occurrence and filling up of vacancies due to retirements, promotions, deaths, resignations, etc. is a continuous and an ongoing process in Railway Protection Force/ Railway Protection Special Force. The same are filled up through open recruitment and departmental promotions as per the existing rules.

Further, to fill up the vacancies in RPF/RPSF, RRB has issued notifications for recruitment of 452 posts of Sub-Inspectors and 4208 posts of Constables.