

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO.363
TO BE ANSWERED ON 26.03.2025**

**STATUS OF RAILWAY HOSPITALS AND HEALTH UNITS IN
ANDHRA PRADESH**

***363. SHRI G LAKSHMINARAYANA:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of the number of railway hospitals and health units in each district of Andhra Pradesh including Anantapur;**
- (b) the details of the sanctioned medical staff strength and current vacancies, job role-wise;**
- (c) the details of the patient handling capacity of hospitals and health units and the number of patients treated annually during the last five years;**
- (d) the availability details of the specialized medical services such as ICU, trauma care and diagnostic facilities in hospitals;**
- (e) the infrastructure status of the hospitals including the availability of modern medical equipment and digital health records;**
- (f) whether any railway hospitals in Andhra Pradesh including Anantapur are empanelled under Ayushman Bharat –PM-JAY, if so, the details thereof;**
- (g) the details of the budget allocation and expenditure for railway hospitals and health units in Andhra Pradesh during the last five years; and**

(h) whether the government plans to upgrade Railway healthcare facilities in Andhra Pradesh, particularly in Anantapur?

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 LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 363 TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 26.03.2025

(a) to (h) To provide healthcare facilities to Railway employees, both serving and retired along with their eligible dependents, Railway Medical facilities such as Hospitals/Health units etc. have been established.

Primary healthcare is provided by Health Units where OPD based services are rendered. The patients requiring secondary & tertiary healthcare are referred to Sub- Divisional, Divisional & Zonal Hospitals. For cases where in-house treatment is not available or medical condition of the patient warrants higher level of care, referral to Government hospitals and empanelled Private Hospitals is done to ensure optimal clinical care.

Presently, there are 586 Health Units and 128 Railway Hospitals existing on Indian Railways. In Andhra Pradesh, there are 6 Railway hospitals & 33 Health Units including one Divisional Railway Hospital at Guntakal and one Health Unit at Gooty in Anantapur district.

Apart from Railway beneficiaries, the general public can also take treatment in the Railway hospitals at CGHS rates of the city. Further, eligible beneficiaries among the general public may also take treatment in Railway hospitals empanelled under Ayushman Bharat - Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY).

In Andhra Pradesh, Divisional Railway Hospital, Guntakal and Divisional Railway Hospital, Visakhapatnam are empanelled under AB-PMJAY.

Annually, more than 10 lakh patients are treated in Railway Hospitals & Health Units situated in Andhra Pradesh.

Railway hospitals have required infrastructure, essential medical equipment and trained healthcare personnel to provide comprehensive healthcare to Railway beneficiaries. Facilities of Intensive Care Units & Trauma care are available at Divisional Railway Hospital Visakhapatnam, Vijayawada and Guntakal, in addition to well-equipped wards, Operation Theatres and diagnostic services.

Health Management Information System (HMIS) has been introduced in Railways to maintain Digital health records.

Up-gradation of Railway Hospitals/Health Units is an ongoing process which is undertaken to constantly improve the existing infrastructure on the basis of local requirements of the beneficiaries and technological developments taking place in the field of medical science. Recent infrastructure up-gradations in Divisional Hospital Visakhapatnam include a modular OT, kitchen complex, patient cabins & isolation ward.

In Divisional hospital Guntakal, expansion of ICU complex and renovation of 30 bedded air-conditioned ward has been taken up. The work of one additional floor in Divisional Hospital, Guntur along with modular OT and air-conditioned ward has also been taken up.

Andhra Pradesh is covered by Southern, South Central, East Coast and South Western Railways. Expenditure done in these zonal railways on medical facilities during last five years is Rs 4,531 cr.

Occurrence and filling up of vacancies including those of medical staff are continuous processes 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.

Exam	Candidates	Cities	Centres	Days	Shifts
L2 - L6	1.26 cr	211	726	68	133
L1	1.1 cr	191	551	33	99

Based on these exams, 1,30,581 candidates have been recruited in Railways. Recruitment done in Indian Railways during 2004-2005 to 2013-2014 vis-à-vis during 2014-2015 to 2023-2024 is given as under: -

Period	Recruitments
2004-2005 to 2013-2014	4.11 lakhs
2014-2015 to 2023-2024	5.02 lakhs

Further, as a system improvement, the Ministry of Railways has introduced a system of publishing annual calendar from 2024 for recruitment to various categories of Group 'C' posts. 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**

Accordingly, ten Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 92,116 vacancies have been notified during January to December 2024. This includes 1376 posts notified for various categories of Paramedical staff.
