

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 5179
TO BE ANSWERED ON 02.04.2025**

VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS PARTICULARLY IN CHHATTISGARH

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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the present status of vacancies in Indian Railways, particularly in Chhattisgarh and the timelines for filling up the said vacancies; and

(b) whether any special training centre or institute is proposed to set up in Chhattisgarh for the special training programme for new recruits to enhance their technical proficiency before deployment?

ANSWER

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

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(a) & (b): Occurrence and filling up of vacancies 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 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), Paramedical Categories, Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate), Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under-Graduate), Ministerial & Isolated Categories and Level-1 posts.

First stage Computer Based Tests for 45,708 posts has been completed in two phases from 25.11.2024 to 30.12.2024 and 02.03.2025 to 18.03.2025. Details are as under: -

Exam	Candidates	Cities	Centres	Days	Shifts
ALP CEN No. 01/2024 (18,799 vacancies)	18,40,347	156	346	5	15
Technician CEN No. 02/2024 (14,298 vacancies)	26,99,892	139	312	9	27
JE/DMS/CMA CEN No. 03/2024 (7,951 vacancies)	11,01,266	146	323	3	9
RPF (SI) CEN No. 01/2024 (452 vacancies)	15,35,635	143	306	5	15
RPF (Constable) CEN No. 02/2024 (4,208 vacancies)	45,30,288	149	354	12	36

Railways, being a Central Government organization conduct recruitment on all India basis. This is in line with Constitutional provision of right to equality in matters of public employment and as per the guidelines of DOPT, the nodal department of Government of

India in such matters. Every candidate irrespective of gender, language, place of birth/region etc. fulfilling eligibility criteria is free to apply. All those who apply in response to Centralised Employment Notifications (CENs), including local candidates are considered for recruitment on the Railways, on equal footing. No preference is given to candidates belonging to any State or Region nor is the recruitment restricted to any State or Region.

As safe train operation is the top most priority of Indian Railways, special emphasis is laid on training of employees. Detailed training modules as per the prescribed periodicity are available for respective categories at initial and promotional stages along with refresher courses as well as specialized training courses, laying emphasis on practical aspects which help them in skill upgradation and assimilation with related advanced technology, keeping a focus on overall safety and passenger experience. These modules are also updated keeping in view the technological changes in working practice.

Initial Training is imparted to the new entrants/recruits for the purpose of introducing them with various facets of Railway operations and management. Department wise Training Modules has been developed in consultation with concerned technical directorates for each category of staff.

Besides, the following training programmes are also conducted for Railway Staff at various stages of their career:

- **Promotional Training** - for the purpose of preparing serving staff in advance for jobs of higher responsibilities.
- **Refresher Training** – for the purpose of refreshing the serving employees periodically with new ideas and principles for improving efficiency in their jobs.
- **Specialized Training** – for the purpose of updating the knowledge of technological developments, quantitative techniques, etc. e.g. PRS, new locomotives, signalling system, Track Technology etc.

Besides these training, some other / special courses are also run by the Training Institutes i.e. Training for Frontline Staff in Soft Skills, Customer Care Training, Disaster Management Training, Accident Investigation Programme for all Supervisors, Investigation for derailment for JE/SSE (P.Way), Train Parting Programme for Drivers, Threat Perception and Emergency Response, Fire Fighting and First Aid Skills, Gender sensitization, Yoga and Meditation and other training etc.

Indian Railways have a comprehensive training ecosystem, for which elaborate infrastructure has been developed in form of training centres across Zonal Railways and Production Units. Within a Zone also, these training centres are spread out across different locations of Divisions or Workshops.

Chhattisgarh is covered by South East Central Railway and East Coast Railway. There is already a Zonal Railway Training Institute functioning at Bilaspur which caters to the training needs of railway

employees posted in South East Central Railway. The following railway training institutes are also located in Chhattisgarh:

- (a) Multi Disciplinary Divisional Training Institute, Raipur**
- (b) Staff Training Centre, Bhilai**
- (c) Engineering Training Centre, Bilaspur**
- (d) Electric Loco Training Centre, Uslapur, Bilaspur**
- (e) Divisional Loco Training Centre, Bilaspur**
- (f) Basic Training Institute, Raipur**

These training centres are capable to cater to the current training needs of railway staff. Nevertheless, rationalisation and reorganisation of training centres as per requirement is an ongoing process.
