

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS**

**LOK SABHA
STARRED QUESTION NO. 158
TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.12.2025**

VACANCIES IN RAILWAYS

***158. SHRI BAPI HALDAR:**

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the total number of vacancies currently existing in the Railways and the details of the steps being taken to fill them;**
- (b) whether any special provisions/concessions/relaxations are available for candidates from West Bengal during recruitment and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (c) the total number of recruitments made during the last ten years, State-wise particularly West Bengal?**

ANSWER

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

(SHRI ASHWINI VAISHNAW)

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

**STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (c) OF
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(a) to (c): Railways, being 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. 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.

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 2004-2005 to 2013-2014 vis-à-vis during 2014-2015 to 2024-2025 is given as under :-

Period	Recruitments*
2004-2005 to 2013-2014	4.11 lakh
2014-2015 to 2024-2025	5.08 lakh

***Including for the State of West Bengal**

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

As per Annual Calendar 2024 and 2025, recruitment of 1,20,579 vacancies has been taken up on Indian Railways including Zonal Railways and Production Units covering West Bengal.

During January to December 2024, ten Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 92,116 vacancies were notified for filling up of posts of Assistant Loco Pilots (ALPs), 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 categories such as Assistants, Track Maintainers and Pointsman.

First stage/Single stage Computer Based Tests (CBTs) for 59,678 posts has been completed. Details are as under:-

Exam	Candidates	Cities	Languages
1st Stage CBT for the post of ALP (18,799 vacancies)	18,40,347	156	15
CBT for the post of Technician (14,298 vacancies)	26,99,892	139	15
1st Stage CBT for the post of JE/DMS/CMA (7,951 vacancies)	11,01,266	146	15
CBT for the post of RPF-SI (452 vacancies)	15,35,635	143	15
CBT for the post of RPF-Constable (4,208 vacancies)	45,30,288	147	15
CBT for Paramedical Categories (1,376 vacancies)	7,08,321	143	15
1st Stage CBT for Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate) (8,113 vacancies)	58,41,774	141	15
1st Stage CBT for Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under Graduate) (3,445 vacancies)	63,27,473	157	15
CBT for Ministerial & Isolated categories (1,036 vacancies)	4,46,013	139	15
Total Candidates	2,50,31,009		

2nd stage CBTs for the posts of ALP, JE/DMS/CMA and Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate) have also been completed. Details are as under: -

Exam	Candidates	Cities	Languages
2nd Stage CBT for the post of ALP (18,799 vacancies)	2,66,363	112	15
2nd Stage CBT for the post of JE/DMS/CMA (7,951 vacancies)	1,17,339	118	15
2nd Stage CBT for Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate) (8,113 vacancies)	1,21,931	129	15
Total Candidates	5,05,633		

Computer Based Aptitude Test (CBAT) for the post of ALP has also been completed. Details are as under:-

Exam	Candidates	Cities	Languages
CBAT for the post of ALP (18,799 vacancies)	1,32,044	84	2

CBT for 32,438 vacancies for level -1 categories has commenced from 27.11.2025 in 140 cities in 15 languages. Physical Efficiency Test (PET) for 4,208 vacancies of Constable (RPF) has commenced from 13.11.2025.

Panels for more than 23,000 candidates (including for the State of West Bengal) for various posts including the posts of Technicians, Junior Engineers, Paramedical Categories, Sub-Inspectors (RPF) and Assistant Loco Pilots have been finalised. Majority of them are in safety categories.

In addition, as per Annual Calendar for the year 2025, seven Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 28,463 vacancies have also been issued. Details are as under:-

S. No.	CEN No.	Post Name	No. of Vacancies notified	Month of Notification
1	01/2025	Assistant Loco Pilots	9,970	March 2025
2	02/2025	Technicians	6,238	June 2025
3	03/2025	Para-Medical Categories	434	July 2025
4	04/2025	Section Controllers	368	August 2025
5	05/2025	Junior Engineers / Depot Material Superintendent	2,585	October 2025

6	06/2025	Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate)	5,810	October 2025
7	07/2025	Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under-Graduate)	3,058	October 2025

Following concessions/relaxations are allowed to different eligible categories of candidates in Railway recruitments irrespective of state and region:

(i) Concessions/relaxations allowed to reserved community candidates

- **Age relaxation of 5 years for SC/ST and 3 years for OBC.**
- **Travel facility (railway pass) to SC/ST candidates**
- **Fee reimbursement for SC/ST candidates who appear in the Computer Based Test (CBT).**
- **Lower qualifying marks in CBT (SC-30%, ST-25%, OBC-30%) compared to UR candidates (40%) in L-2 and above posts.**
- **Lower qualifying marks in CBT (SC/ST/OBC-30%) compared to UR candidates (40%) in L-1 posts.**

(ii) Concession/relaxation for women candidates

- **Fee reimbursement for all women candidates who appear in the CBT.**
- **Age relaxation for widowed/divorced/judicially separated women.**
- **Lower qualifying Standards for Physical Efficiency Test (PET) for female candidates as compared to male candidates.**

(iii) Concession/relaxation for other categories candidates

- **Ex-servicemen are given age-relaxation, exemption from Physical Efficiency Test (PET) and preferential quota.**
- **Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD) are also given age relaxation, exemption from Physical Efficiency Test (PET), fee is reimbursed for those who appear in the CBT and reservation in posts. Also they are given a relaxation upto 2 marks in the minimum qualifying marks for each respective category. Facility of scribe is provided to eligible PwBD candidates.**
