

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 789
TO BE ANSWERED ON 04.02.2026**

TECHNICAL RECRUITMENTS IN RAILWAYS

789. SHRI RAJA A:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

- (a) the list of Vande Bharat express trains and Amrit Bharat trains running in the country, including Tamil Nadu;**
- (b) the details of coach factories in the country where the high speed express trains are manufactured;**
- (c) whether the Government propose to give preference to the locals in all technical recruitments in Railways where the coaches are being manufactured, including ICF Perambur and if so, the details thereof; and**
- (d) the details of staff recruited both regular as well as on contract basis in the Southern railway during the last three years, as on 1st of January, 2026?**

ANSWER

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

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(a) to (d) As the railway network straddles across State boundaries, trains are introduced across such boundaries as per network requirement. However, as on 29.01.2026, the following 164 Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car), 02 Vande Bharat Sleeper Express and 54 Amrit Bharat train services are being operated on the Indian Railways network:

Vande Bharat Slepper Train service:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	27575/27576 Howrah - Kamakhya Vande Bharat Sleeper Express

Vande Bharat (Chair Car) Train service:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	22435/22436 New Delhi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
2	22439/22440 Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
3	20901/20902 Gandhinagar Capital - Mumbai Central Vande Bharat Express
4	22447/22448 Amb Andura - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
5	20607/20608 Mysuru - MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express
6	20825/20826 Nagpur - Bilaspur Vande Bharat Express
7	22301/22302 New Jalpaiguri - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
8	20833/20834 Secunderabad - Visakhapatnam Vande Bharat Express
9	22223/22224 Sainagar Shirdi - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
10	22225/22226 Solapur - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
11	20171/20172 Nizamuddin - Rani Kamlapati Vande Bharat Express
12	20701/20702 Tirupati - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
13	20643/20644 Coimbatore - Chennai Vande Bharat Express
14	20977/20978 Chandigarh - Ajmer Vande Bharat Express
15	20633/20634 Kasaragod - Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express
16	22895/22896 Puri - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
17	22457/22458 Dehradun - Anand Vihar Vande Bharat Express

18	22227/22228 Guwahati - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express
19	20911/20912 Nagpur - Indore Vande Bharat Express
20	22229/22230 Madgaon - Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
21	22349/22350 Ranchi - Patna Vande Bharat Express
22	20661/20662 Dharwar - Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express
23	20173/20174 Rewa - Rani Kamlapati Vande Bharat Express
24	22549/22550 Gorakhpur - Prayagraj Vande Bharat Express
25	12461/12462 Sabarmati - Jodhpur Vande Bharat Express
26	22925/22926 Okha - Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express
27	20665/20666 Tirunelveli - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express
28	20677/20678 Narsapur - Chennai Vande Bharat Express
29	20703/20704 Yesvantpur - Kacheguda Vande Bharat Express
30	20631/20632 Mangaluru Central - Thiruvananthapuram Central Vande Bharat Express
31	20979/20980 Jaipur - Udaipur Vande Bharat Express
32	22347/22348 Patna - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
33	20835/20836 Puri - Rourkela Vande Bharat Express
34	20897/20898 Ranchi - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
35	22415/22416 New Delhi - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
36	20641/20642 Bengaluru Cantt. – Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
37	20645/20646 Madgaon - Mangaluru Central Vande Bharat Express
38	20705/20706 Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj (T) - Nanded Vande Bharat Express

39	22477/22478 Sri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra - New Delhi Vande Bharat Express
40	22425/22426 Ayodhya Cantt. - Anand Vihar (T) Vande Bharat Express
41	22487/22488 Amritsar - Delhi Vande Bharat Express
42	22961/22962 Mumbai Central - Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express
43	20707/20708 Visakhapatnam - Secunderabad Vande Bharat Express
44	20663/20664 Chennai - Mysuru Vande Bharat Express
45	22233/22234 Patna - New Jalpaiguri Vande Bharat Express
46	22469/22470 Khajuraho - Nizamuddin Vande Bharat Express
47	22231/22232 Bengaluru - Kalburagi Vande Bharat Express
48	20841/20842 Visakhapatnam - Bhubaneswar Vande Bharat Express
49	22345/22346 Gomti Nagar - Patna Vande Bharat Express
50	20887/20888 Varanasi - Ranchi Vande Bharat Express
51	22545/22546 Dehradun - Lucknow Jn Vande Bharat Express
52	22489/22490 Varanasi - Meerut City Vande Bharat Express
53	20981/20982 Agra cantt. - Udaipur Vande Bharat Express
54	20627/20628 Nagercoil - Chennai Egmore Vande Bharat Express
55	20671/20672 Bengaluru Cantt - Madurai Vande Bharat Express
56	22499/22500 Deoghar - Varanasi Vande Bharat Express
57	22309/22310 Jamalpur - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
58	20871/20872 Rourkela - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
59	20893/20894 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express
60	20891/20892 Tatanagar - Brahmapur Vande Bharat Express

61	22303/22304 Gaya - Howrah Vande Bharat Express
62	20669/20670 Pune - Hubballi Vande Bharat Express
63	20673/20674 Pune - Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj (T) Vande Bharat Express
64	20101/20102 Secunderabad - Nagpur Vande Bharat Express
65	20829/20830 Visakhapatnam - Durg Vande Bharat Express
66	21893/21894 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express
67	21895/21896 Patna - Tatanagar Vande Bharat Express
68	20175/20176 Banaras - Agra Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
69	26901/26902 Veraval - Sabarmati Vande Bharat Express
70	26401/26402 Srinagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
71	26403/26404 Srinagar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
72	26501/26502 Patliputra - Gorkahpur Vande Bharat Express
73	26751/26752 KSR Bengaluru - Belagavi Vande Bharat Express
74	26405/26406 Amritsar - Shri Mata Vaishno Devi Katra Vande Bharat Express
75	26101/26102 Pune - Ajni Vande Bharat Express
76	26301/26302 Jogbani - Danapur Vande Bharat Express
77	26481/26482 Delhi Cantt - Jodhpur Vande Bharat Express
78	26471/26472 Delhi Cantt - Bikaner Vande Bharat Express
79	26461/26462 Delhi - Firozpur Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
80	26651/26652 Ernakulam - KSR Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express
81	26505/26506 Khajuraho - Banaras Vande Bharat Express
82	26503/26504 Saharanpur - Gomtinagar Vande Bharat Express

Amrit Bharat:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	11015/11016 Lokmanya Tilak (T) - Saharsa Amrit Bharat Express
2	13697/13698 Gaya - Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
3	15293/15294 Muzaffarpur - Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express
4	15557/15558 Darbhanga - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
5	15561/15562 Darbhanga - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
6	15567/15568 Bapudham Motihari - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
7	22361/22362 Rajendranagar (T) - New Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
8	13433/13434 SMVT Bengaluru - Malda Town Amrit Bharat Express
9	13435/13436 Malda Town - Gomtinagar Amrit Bharat Express
10	15133/15134 Chhapra - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
11	14047/14048 Sitamarhi - Delhi Amrit Bharat Express
12	14627/14628 Saharsa - Chheharta Amrit Bharat Express
13	19623/19624 Madar - Darbhanga Amrit Bharat Express
14	16601/16602 Erode - Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express
15	19021/19022 Udhna - Brahmapur Amrit Bharat Express
16	15671/15672 Kamakhya - Rohtak Amrit Bharat Express
17	20609/20610 New Jalpaiguri - Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express
18	16597/16598 SMVT Bengaluru - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
19	11031/11032 Panvel - Alipurduar Amrit Bharat Express
20	16107/16108 Tambaram - Santragachi Amrit Bharat Express

21	13065/13066 Howrah - Anand Vihar (T) Amrit Bharat Express
22	22587/22588 Sealdah - Banaras Amrit Bharat Express
23	20603/20604 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
24	15949/15950 Dibrugarh - Gomti Nagar Amrit Bharat Express
25	16121/16122 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express
26	16329/16330 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Junction Amrit Bharat Express
27	17041/17042 Charlapalli - Thiruvananthapuram North Amrit Bharat Express

The following 16 Vande Bharat train services (Chair Car) and 12 Amrit Bharat train services, on originating/terminating basis, are catering to the needs of various stations located in the State of Tamil Nadu:

Vande Bharat:

SN	Train No. and Name of Vande Bharat service
1	20671/20672 Madurai - Bengaluru Cantt. Vande Bharat Express
2	20627/20628 Chennai Egmore - Nagercoil Vande Bharat Express
3	20663/20664 Mysuru - MGR Chennai Central Vande Bharat Express
4	20641/20642 Bengaluru Cantt. - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
5	20665/20666 Chennai Egmore - Tirunelveli Vande Bharat Express
6	20677/20678 MGR Chennai Central - Narasapur Vande Bharat Express
7	20643/20644 MGR Chennai Central - Coimbatore Vande Bharat Express
8	20607/20608 MGR Chennai Central - Mysuru Vande Bharat Express

Amrit Bharat:

SN	Train No. and Name
1	16121/16122 Tambaram - Thiruvananthapuram Central Amrit Bharat Express
2	20609/20610 New Jalpaiguri - Tiruchchirappalli Amrit Bharat Express
3	16329/16330 Nagercoil - Mangaluru Junction Amrit Bharat Express
4	20603/20604 New Jalpaiguri - Nagercoil Amrit Bharat Express
5	16107/16108 Tambaram - Santragachi Amrit Bharat Express
6	16601/16602 Erode - Jogbani Amrit Bharat Express

Moreover, introduction of new trains including Vande Bharat train services and Amrit Bharat train services along with its variants on any route/section depends on various factors which include:

- Capacity of that section
- Availability of path
- Availability of required rolling stock
- Availability of matching infrastructure for rolling stock
- Maintenance requirement of railway tracks and other assets

Production units:

Presently, there are three coach manufacturing units under the Ministry of Railways manufacturing Vande Bharat Trainsets, Amrit Bharat Trains, Namo Bharat trains, Rapid and Regional Metro rakes, Kolkata Metro Rakes and mainline LHB coaches. These coach manufacturing units are as under:

- 1. Integral Coach Factory, Chennai**
- 2. Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala**
- 3. Modern Coach Factory, Raebareli**

Recruitment

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.

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.

Presently, recruitment against 143086 vacancies of non-gazetted personnel has been taken up on Indian Railways as per Annual Calendar 2024 and 2025.

During January to December 2024, ten Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 92,116 vacancies (including 6927 vacancies for Southern Railway & 1395 vacancies for ICF) 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 & Under-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
2nd Stage CBT for Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under-Graduate) (3445 vacancies)	51,978	79	15
Total Candidates	5,57,611		

Computer Based Aptitude Test (CBAT) for the post of ALP and Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate) and Computer based Skill Test for the post of Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate-level) and Ministerial & Isolated Categories have 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

Translation Test for Ministerial and Isolated Categories	1,233	8	2
CBAT for the post of Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate)	13,616	38	2
Computer Based Typing Skill Test (CBTST) for the post of Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate-level)	30,341	58	2
Total Candidates	1,77,234		

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 been completed on 06.12.2025.

Panels for more than 31,000 candidates 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, nine Centralized Employment Notifications (CENs) for 50970 vacancies (including 3412 vacancies for Southern Railway & 438 vacancies for ICF) have also been issued. Details are as under:-

CEN No.	Post Name	No. of Vacancies notified	Month of Notification
01/2025	Assistant Loco Pilots	9,970	March 2025

02/2025	Technician	6,238	June 2025
03/2025	Paramedical categories	434	July 2025
04/2025	Section Controller	368	August 2025
05/2025	Junior Engineer/ Depot Material Superintendent	2,585	October 2025
06/2025	Non-Technical Popular Categories (Graduate)	5,810	October 2025
07/2025	Non-Technical Popular Categories (Under- Graduate)	3,058	October 2025
08/2025	Isolated Categories	312	December 2025
09/2025	level-1	22195	December 2025

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 level-1 and Security related posts.**

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**

Indian Railways (IR) executes a wide range of works for creation, repair and maintenance of its various assets including stations, coaches, wagons, coaching depots, locomotives, tracks, etc. These works are executed either departmentally or through engaging outside agencies.

In exigencies of work, sometimes contractual engagement is resorted to as a stop-gap arrangement till regular incumbents join the posts. Such contractual engagement is purely temporary and time-bound, and is undertaken only to ensure smooth functioning of Railway operations until posts are filled through regular selection as per extant rules and procedures.
