

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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(TO BE ANSWERED ON THE 30th July 2026)

VACANT POSTS IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION

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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION

be pleased to state:-

- (a) the details of the total sanctioned posts under Group 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' at present in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and all its subordinate departments and institutions including the Airports Authority of India, Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security, Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau, Airports Economic Regulatory Authority, Pawan Hans Limited and other associated bodies, department-wise;
- (b) the number of sanctioned posts for Unreserved, Other Backward Classes, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, department-wise;
- (c) the number of employees working in each category, department-wise; and
- (d) the number of vacant posts in each category, department-wise?

ANSWER

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION (Shri Murlidhar Mohol)

(a) to (d): The posts sanctioned at the Ministry level include posts of the various cadres such as Central Secretariat Service (CSS), Indian Economic Service (IES), Indian Statistical Service (ISS), Central Secretariat Official Language Service (CSols) etc. and also from the Central Staffing Scheme. The sanctioned strength, including category-wise and group-wise details of the posts in these Services is centrally maintained by the respective Cadre Controlling Authorities and Department of Personnel and Training (DoP&T) for all Ministries/ Departments and not at the level of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

The appointments in the different grades in the Ministry of Civil Aviation and its Attached/Subordinate Offices, Autonomous Bodies and PSUs are made as per the relevant Recruitment Rules for the posts. Further, Government of India reservation policy for OBCs, SCs & STs is followed in the Ministry.

The requisite details regarding total sanctioned posts, reserved sanctioned posts, working employees, and vacant posts across the Ministry of Civil Aviation and its Attached/Subordinate Offices, Autonomous Bodies and PSUs are at Annexure.

1. Ministry of Civil Aviation (Main)

Sanctioned Strength: Group 'A': 43; Group 'B': 100; Group 'C': 61.

Working Employees (against reserved vacancies):

- **Group A:** UR: 24, OBC: 6, SC: 8, ST: 1
- **Group B:** UR: 56, OBC: 20, SC: 5, ST: 1
- **Group C:** UR: 23, OBC: 7, SC: 8, ST: 4

2. Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)

Sanctioned Strength: Group 'A': 1,113; Group 'B': 160; Group 'C': 347.

Reserved Sanctioned Posts (Reservation applicable on 832 posts):

- **Group A:** UR: 220, OBC: 130, SC: 71, ST: 33, EWS: 45
- **Group B:** UR: 32, OBC: 0, SC: 3, ST: 0, EWS: 0
- **Group C:** UR: 167, OBC: 62, SC: 29, ST: 17, EWS: 23

Working Employees (against reserved vacancies):

- **Group A:** UR: 98, OBC: 102, SC: 45, ST: 19, EWS: 6
- **Group B:** UR: 7, OBC: 3, SC: 2, ST: 0, EWS: 0
- **Group C:** UR: 81, OBC: 37, SC: 16, ST: 15, EWS: 4

Vacant Posts:

- **Group A:** UR: 122, OBC: 28, SC: 26, ST: 14, EWS: 39
- **Group B:** UR: 21, OBC: 0, SC: 2, ST: 0, EWS: 0
- **Group C:** UR: 73, OBC: 32, SC: 15, ST: 5, EWS: 20

3. Airport Authority of India (AAI)

Sanctioned Strength: Gr. 'A': 8269; Gr. 'B': 7627; Gr. 'C': 7780, Gr. 'D': 2052.

#Reserved Sanctioned Posts:

- **Group A:** UR: 159, OBC: 67, SC: 33, ST: 15.
- **Group B:** UR: 1631, OBC: 830, SC: 464, ST: 229.
- **Group C:** UR: 1082, OBC: 398, SC: 227, ST: 231

#Working Employees:

- **Group A:** UR: 26, OBC: 18, SC: 7, ST: 4.
- **Group B:** UR: 747, OBC: 513, SC: 223, ST: 117.
- **Group C:** UR: 421, OBC: 132, SC: 97, ST: 68.

#Vacant Posts:

- **Group A:** UR: 133, OBC: 49, SC: 26, ST: 11.
- **Group B:** UR: 884, OBC: 317, SC: 241, ST: 112.
- **Group C:** UR: 661, OBC: 266, SC: 130, ST: 163.

Data at induction-levels for those cadres where direct recruitment is carried out.

4. Bureau of Civil Aviation Security (BCAS)

Sanctioned Strength: Group 'A': 155; Group 'B': 250; Group 'C': 193.

Reserved Sanctioned Posts: BCAS is a deputation-based organization; hence, reservation policy is not applicable on deputation.

Working Employees: Group 'A': 128; Group 'B': 184; Group 'C': 151.

Vacant Posts: Group 'A': 27; Group 'B': 66; Group 'C': 42.

5. Aircraft Accident Investigation Bureau (AAIB)

Sanctioned Strength: Group 'A': 27; Group 'B': 8; Group 'C': Nil).

Reserved Sanctioned Posts: AAIB is a deputation-based organization; reservation policy is not implemented on deputation.

Working Employees: Group 'A': 3; Group 'B': 2; Group 'C' - Nil.

Vacant Posts: Group 'A': 24; Group 'B': 6; Group 'C': Nil.

6. Airports Economic Regulatory Authority of India (AERA)

Sanctioned Strength: Group 'A': 21; Group 'B': 16; Group 'C': 6.

Reserved Sanctioned Posts: All sanctioned posts in AERA are filled purely on a deputation basis; reservation policy is not applicable.

Working Employees: Group 'A': 17; Group 'B': 12; Group 'C': 5.

Vacant Posts: Group 'A': 4; Group 'B': 4; Group 'C': 1.

7. Rajiv Gandhi National Aviation University (RGNAU)

Sanctioned Strength: Group 'A': 92; Group 'B': 39; Group 'C': 24.

Reserved Sanctioned Posts:

- **Group A:** UR: 63, OBC: 15, SC: 7, ST: 3, EWS: 4
- **Group B:** UR: 33, OBC: 4, SC: 1, ST: 0, EWS: 1
- **Group C:** UR: 16, OBC: 4, SC: 2, ST: 1, EWS: 1

Working Employees:

- **Group A:** UR: 30, OBC: 3, SC: 6, ST: 0, EWS: 1
- **Group B:** UR: 11, OBC: 2, SC: 0, ST: 0, EWS: 0
- **Group C:** UR: 10, OBC: 4, SC: 2, ST: 1, EWS: 1

Vacant Posts:

- **Group A:** UR: 33, OBC: 12, SC: 1, ST: 3, EWS: 3
- **Group B:** UR: 22, OBC: 2, SC: 1, ST: 0, EWS: 1
- **Group C:** UR: 6, OBC: 0, SC: 0, ST: 0, EWS: 0

8. Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Uran Akademi (IGRUA)

Sanctioned Strength: Total sanctioned strength is 316 posts. (Cadre is not maintained group-wise due to non-operational status after a ban on regular recruitment since 1996).

Reserved Sanctioned Posts: Reservation distribution against sanctioned strength is not operational/applicable due to the recruitment ban.

Working Employees: 50 regular employees are in position (Group 'A': 3 [UR: 3]; Group 'B': Nil; Group 'C': 47 [UR: 8, OBC: 24, SC: 14, ST: 1]).

Vacant Posts: Specific category-wise regular vacancy breakup cannot be provided as regular recruitment has remained under ban since 1996.

9. AI Assets Holding Limited (AIAHL) & Subsidiaries

- **AI Assets Holding Ltd (AIAHL):**

Sanctioned Strength: Nil

Reserved Posts: Nil

Working Employees: Group A: 16 (UR: 15, SC: 1)

*All 16 employees in AIAHL are on Fixed Term Contract (FTC).

- **AI Engineering Services Limited (AIESL):**

Sanctioned & Reserved Posts: As a part of the Turn Around Plan, a policy decision was taken by Air India Ltd to hive off the Engineering services of MRO to its wholly owned subsidiary AIESL. Post disinvestment of Air India, AIESL become wholly owned subsidiary of AI Assets Holding Limited. There is no recruitment of permanent posts in AIESL. 3/4th of the employees in the AIESL are working on Fixed Term Employment basis. However, manpower assessment is done regularly and hiring of fixed term employees is done based on the requirement and prevailing business scenario.

Working Employees: Group 'A': UR: 184, OBC: 72, SC: 53, ST: 25;
Group 'B': UR: 167, OBC: 86, SC: 59, ST: 24;
Group 'C & D': UR: 258, OBC: 98, SC: 106, ST: 65.

- **AI Airport Services Limited (AIASL):**

Sanctioned & Reserved Posts: Permanent (regular) employees presently working in AI Airport Services Limited (AIASL) were transferred from the then parent company, Air India Limited in 2013 (prior to its disinvestment in Jan2022). Recruitments of any permanent employees was banned by the then parent company, Air India then and accordingly has been put on hold in the subsidiary company, Air India Air Transport Services Limited (now AIASL). Hence, there is no further recruitment of permanent (regular) employees in AIASL.

Working Employees: Group 'A': UR: 13, OBC: 7, ST: 8;
Group 'B': UR: 5, OBC: 4, SC: 3;
Group 'C & D': UR: 155, OBC: 45, SC: 121, ST: 40.

- **Alliance Air Aviation Limited (AAAL):**

Sanctioned & Reserved Posts: Nil regular sanctioned/reserved posts.

Working Employees: Group 'A': UR: 14, OBC: 2, SC: 1;
Group 'B': UR: 192, OBC: 26, SC: 52, ST: 10;
Group 'C & D': UR: 282, OBC: 124, SC: 86, ST: 43.
All 832 employees in Alliance Air are on Fixed Term Contract (FTC).

- **Hotel Corporation of India Ltd. (HCI):**

Sanctioned Strength: Group 'A': 89; Group 'B': 146; Group 'C': 456.

Reserved Posts & (d) Vacant Posts: Recruitment is banned since 1999 by the Board.

Working Employees: Group 'A': UR: 5, OBC: 4, SC: 6, ST: 2;
Group 'B': UR: 14, OBC: 6, SC: 5, ST: 2;
Group 'C': UR: 23, OBC: 17, SC: 14, ST: 10.

10. Commission of Railway Safety (CRS)

Total Sanctioned Strength: Group 'A': 24, Group 'B': 44, Group 'C': 99

Reserved Sanctioned Posts (Category-wise):

- **Group 'A':** Nil
- **Group 'B':** Nil
- **Group 'C':** UR: 52, OBC: 26, SC: 14, ST: 7

Working Employees (Category-wise):

- **Group 'A':** UR: 19, OBC: 0, SC: 2, ST: 0
- **Group 'B':** UR: 24, OBC: 2, SC: 4, ST: 1
- **Group 'C':** UR: 29, OBC: 6, SC: 11, ST: 1

Vacant Posts (Category-wise):

- **Group 'A':** 03
- **Group 'B':** 13
- **Group 'C':** UR: 23, OBC: 20, SC: 3, ST: 6

* All the Group A and Group B posts (except the post of Office Superintendent) in Commission of Railway Safety are filled via Absorption/Deputation and the post of Officer Superintendent is a lone post in each office and reservation is not applicable on this post as well. Hence reservation is not applicable on group A and group B posts of CRS and is applicable on Group C posts only.

11. Pawan Hans Limited

Total Sanctioned Strength:

Group 'A': 190, Group 'B': 164, Group 'C': 95

Reserved Sanctioned Posts (Category-wise):

- **Group 'A':** UR: 95, OBC: 52, SC: 29, ST: 14
- **Group 'B':** UR: 82, OBC: 45, SC: 25, ST: 12
- **Group 'C':** UR: 47, OBC: 26, SC: 15, ST: 7

Working Employees (Category-wise):

- **Group 'A':** UR: 74, OBC: 16, SC: 18, ST: 1
- **Group 'B':** UR: 10, OBC: 3, SC: 4, ST: 6
- **Group 'C':** UR: 11, OBC: 5, SC: 12, ST: 7

Vacant Posts (Category-wise):

- **Group 'A':** UR: 21, OBC: 36, SC: 11, ST: 13
- **Group 'B':** UR: 72, OBC: 42, SC: 21, ST: 6
- **Group 'C':** UR: 36, OBC: 21, SC: 3, ST: 0
