## Seventeenth Loksabha

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Title: Regarding filling up of vacant posts under reserved categories in Railways -laid.

## **DR.** (PROF.) KIRIT PREMJIBHAI SOLANKI (AHMEDABAD WEST): I would like to raise the issue of vacancies in the Indian Railways in the categories reserved for Scheduled Castes and Tribes. A total of 2,22,159 posts are lying vacant in the Indian Railways, with the highest in the Northern sector that had 27,537 vacancies as on April 1, 2017. Of the over two lakh posts lying vacant in the Railways, 41,128 are in the category reserved for Scheduled Castes and/or Scheduled Tribes. Among the zone-wise vacancies, the second highest unfilled posts are in the Eastern sector (19,942), followed by the Central sector at 19,651, Western sector at 16,520 and East Central at 17,065. I would like to request the Central Government to expedite the process of filling these vacancies and initiating a Special Recruitment Drive for the

Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes categories.